

Chapter 430. Public Safety

Act 65. Firearms Owners Identification Card Act

**65/0.01. Short title.** This Act may be cited as the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

**65/1. Legislative declaration.** It is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination that in order to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, it is necessary and in the public interest to provide a system of identifying persons who are not qualified to acquire or possess firearms and firearm ammunition within the State of Illinois by the establishment of a system of Firearm Owner's Identification Cards, thereby establishing a practical and workable system by which law enforcement authorities will be afforded an opportunity to identify those persons who are prohibited by Section 24-3.1 of the "Criminal Code of 1961", as amended, from acquiring or possessing firearms and firearm ammunition.

**65/1.1. Definitions.** For purposes of this Act: "Counterfeit" means to copy or imitate, without legal authority, with intent to deceive.

"Firearm" means any device, by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas or escape of gas; excluding, however:

(1) any pneumatic gun, spring gun, paint ball gun or B-B gun which either expels a single globular projectile not exceeding .18 inch in diameter and which has a maximum muzzle velocity of less than 700 feet per second or breakable paint balls containing washable marking colors;

(2) any device used exclusively for signalling or safety and required or recommended by the United States Coast Guard or the Interstate Commerce Commission; or

(3) any device used exclusively for the firing of stud cartridges, explosive rivets or similar industrial ammunition;

(4) an antique firearm (other than a machine-gun) which, although designed as a weapon, the Department of State Police finds by reason of the date of its manufacture, value, design, and other characteristics is primarily a collector's item and is not likely to be used as a weapon.

"Firearm Ammunition" means any self-contained cartridge or shotgun shell, by whatever name known, which is designed to be used or adaptable to use in a firearm; excluding, however:

(1) any ammunition exclusively designed for use with a device used exclusively for signalling or safety and required or recommended by the United States Coast Guard or the Interstate Commerce Commission; or

(2) any ammunition designed exclusively for use with a stud or rivet driver or other similar industrial ammunition.

**65/2. Firearm Owner's Identification Card required; exceptions.**

(a)(1) No person may acquire or possess any firearm within this State without having in his or her possession a Firearm Owner's Identification Card previously issued in his or her name by the Department of State Police under the provisions of this Act.

(2) No person may acquire or possess firearm ammunition within this State without having in

his or her possession a Firearm Owner's Identification Card previously issued in his or her name by the Department of State Police under the provisions of this Act.

(b) The provisions of this Section regarding the possession of firearms and firearm ammunition do not apply to:

(1) United States Marshals, while engaged in the operation of their official duties;

(2) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard, while engaged in the operation of their official duties;

(3) Federal officials required to carry firearms, while engaged in the operation of their official duties;

(4) Members of bona fide veterans organizations which receive firearms directly from the armed forces of the United States, while using the firearms for ceremonial purposes with blank ammunition;

(5) Nonresident hunters during hunting season, with valid nonresident hunting licenses and while in an area where hunting is permitted; however, at all other times and in all other places these persons must have their firearms unloaded and enclosed in a case;

(6) Those hunters exempt from obtaining a hunting license who are required to submit their Firearm Owner's Identification Card when hunting on Department of Natural Resources owned or managed sites;

(7) Nonresidents while on a firing or shooting range recognized by the Department of State Police; however, these persons must at all other times and in all other places have their firearms unloaded and enclosed in a case;

(8) Nonresidents while at a firearm showing or display recognized by the Department of State Police; however, at all other times and in all other places these persons must have their firearms unloaded and enclosed in a case;

(9) Nonresidents whose firearms are unloaded and enclosed in a case;

(10) Nonresidents who are currently licensed or registered to possess a firearm in their resident state;

(11) Unemancipated minors while in the custody and immediate control of their parent or legal guardian or other person in loco parentis to the minor if the parent or legal guardian or other person in loco parentis to the minor has a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card;

(12) Color guards of bona fide veterans organizations or members of bona fide American Legion bands while using firearms for ceremonial purposes with blank ammunition;

(13) Nonresident hunters whose state of residence does not require them to be licensed or registered to possess a firearm and only during hunting season, with valid hunting licenses, while accompanied by, and using a firearm owned by, a person who possesses a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card and while in an area within a commercial club licensed under the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/1.1 et seq.] where hunting is permitted and controlled, but in no instance upon sites owned or managed by the Department of Natural Resources;

(14) Resident hunters who are properly authorized to hunt and, while accompanied by a person who possesses a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card, hunt in an area within a commercial club licensed under the Wildlife Code where hunting is permitted and controlled; and

(15) A person who is otherwise eligible to obtain a Firearm Owner's Identification Card under this Act and is under the direct supervision of a holder of a Firearm Owner's Identification Card who is 21 years of age or older while the person is on a firing or shooting range or is a participant in a firearms safety and training course recognized by a law enforcement agency or a national, statewide shooting sports organization.

(c) The provisions of this Section regarding the acquisition and possession of firearms and firearm ammunition do not apply to law enforcement officials of this or any other jurisdiction, while engaged in the operation of their official duties.

**65/3. Requisites for transfer.**

(a) Except as provided in Section 3a, no person may knowingly transfer, or cause to be transferred, any firearm or any firearm ammunition to any person within this State unless the transferee with whom he deals displays a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card which has previously been issued in his name by the Department of State Police under the provisions of this Act. In addition, all firearm transfers by federally licensed firearm dealers are subject to Section 3.1.

(b) Any person within this State who transfers or causes to be transferred any firearm shall keep a record of such transfer for a period of 10 years from the date of transfer. Such record shall contain the date of the transfer; the description, serial number or other information identifying the firearm if no serial number is available; and, if the transfer was completed within this State, the transferee's Firearm Owner's Identification Card number. On demand of a peace officer such transferor shall produce for inspection such record of transfer.

(c) The provisions of this Section regarding the transfer of firearm ammunition shall not apply to those persons specified in paragraph (b) of Section 2 of this Act.

**65/3a. Reciprocity.**

(a) Any resident of Illinois who has obtained a firearm owner's identification card pursuant to this Act and who is not otherwise prohibited from obtaining, possessing or using a firearm may purchase or obtain a rifle or shotgun or ammunition for a rifle or shotgun in Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin or Kentucky.

(b) Any resident of Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin or Kentucky or a non-resident with a valid non-resident hunting license, who is 18 years of age or older and who is not prohibited by the laws of Illinois, the state of his domicile, or the United States from obtaining, possessing or using a firearm, may purchase or obtain a rifle, shotgun or ammunition for a rifle or shotgun in Illinois.

(b-5) Any non-resident who is participating in a sanctioned competitive shooting event, who is 18 years of age or older and who is not prohibited by the laws of Illinois, the state of his or her domicile, or the United States from obtaining, possessing, or using a firearm, may purchase or obtain a shotgun or shotgun ammunition in Illinois for the purpose of participating in that event. A person may purchase or obtain a shotgun or shotgun ammunition under this subsection only at the site where the sanctioned competitive shooting event is being held.

For purposes of this subsection, "sanctioned competitive shooting event" means a shooting

contest officially recognized by a national or state shooting sport association, and includes any sight-in or practice conducted in conjunction with the event.

(c) Any transaction under this Section is subject to the provisions of the Gun Control Act of 1968 (18 U.S.C. 922 (b)(3)).

**65/3.1. Dial up system.** The Department of State Police shall provide a dial up telephone system which shall be used by any federally licensed firearm dealer who is to transfer a firearm under the provisions of this Act. The Department of State Police shall utilize existing technology which allows the caller to be charged a fee equivalent to the cost of providing this service but not to exceed \$2. Fees collected by the Department of State Police shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and used to provide the service.

Upon receiving a request from a federally licensed firearm dealer, the Department of State Police shall immediately approve, or within the time period established by Section 24-3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 regarding the delivery of firearms, notify the inquiring dealer of any objection that would disqualify the transferee from acquiring or possessing a firearm. In conducting the inquiry, the Department of State Police shall initiate and complete an automated search of its criminal history record information files and those of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, including the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and of the files of the Department of Human Services relating to mental health and developmental disabilities to obtain any felony conviction or patient hospitalization information which would disqualify a person from obtaining or require revocation of a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

The Department of State Police must act as the Illinois Point of Contact for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

The Department of State Police shall promulgate rules to implement this system.

**65/3.2. List of prohibited projectiles; notice to dealers.** Prior to January 1, 2002, the Department of State Police shall list on the Department's World Wide Web site all firearm projectiles that are prohibited under Sections 24-2.1, 24-2.2, and 24-3.2 of the Criminal Code of 1961, together with a statement setting forth the sentence that may be imposed for violating those Sections. The Department of State Police shall, prior to January 1, 2002, send a list of all firearm projectiles that are prohibited under Sections 24-2.1, 24-2.2, and 24-3.2 of the Criminal Code of 1961 to each federally licensed firearm dealer in Illinois registered with the Department.

#### **65/4. Application.**

(a) Each applicant for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card must:

(1) Make application on blank forms prepared and furnished at convenient locations throughout the State by the Department of State Police, or by electronic means, if and when made available by the Department of State Police; and

(2) Submit evidence to the Department of State Police that:

(i) He or she is 21 years of age or over, or if he or she is under 21 years of age that he or she has the written consent of his or her parent or legal guardian to possess and acquire firearms and firearm ammunition and that he or she has never been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic offense or adjudged delinquent, provided, however, that such parent or legal guardian is not an individual prohibited from having a Firearm Owner's Identification Card and files an affidavit with the Department as pre-

scribed by the Department stating that he or she is not an individual prohibited from having a Card;

(ii) He or she has not been convicted of a felony under the laws of this or any other jurisdiction;

(iii) He or she is not addicted to narcotics;

(iv) He or she has not been a patient in a mental institution within the past 5 years;

(v) He or she is not mentally retarded;

(vi) He or she is not an alien who is unlawfully present in the United States under the laws of the United States;

(vii) He or she is not subject to an existing order of protection prohibiting him or her from possessing a firearm;

(viii) He or she has not been convicted within the past 5 years of battery, assault, aggravated assault, violation of an order of protection, or a substantially similar offense in another jurisdiction, in which a firearm was used or possessed;

(ix) He or she has not been convicted of domestic battery or a substantially similar offense in another jurisdiction committed on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997; and

(x) He or she has not been convicted within the past 5 years of domestic battery or a substantially similar offense in another jurisdiction committed before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997; and

(xi) He or she is not an alien who has been admitted to the United States under a non-immigrant visa (as that term is defined in Section 101 (a)(26) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(26))), or that he or she is an alien who has been lawfully admitted to the United States under a non-immigrant visa if that alien is:

(1) admitted to the United States for lawful hunting or sporting purposes;

(2) an official representative of a foreign government who is:

(A) accredited to the United States Government or the Government's mission to an international organization having its headquarters in the United States; or

(B) en route to or from another country to which that alien is accredited;

(3) an official of a foreign government or distinguished foreign visitor who has been so designated by the Department of State;

(4) a foreign law enforcement officer of a friendly foreign government entering the United States on official business; or

(5) one who has received a waiver from the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 922(y)(3); and

(3) Upon request by the Department of State Police, sign a release on a form prescribed by the Department of State Police waiving any right to confidentiality and requesting the disclosure to the Department of State Police of limited mental health institution admission information from another state, the District of Columbia, any other territory of the United States, or a foreign nation concerning the applicant for the sole purpose of determining whether the applicant is or was a patient in a mental health institution and disqualified because of that status from receiving a Firearm Owner's Identification Card. No mental health care or treatment records may be requested. The information received shall be destroyed within one year of receipt.

(a-5) Each applicant for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card who is over the age of 18 shall furnish to the Department of State Police either his or her driver's license number or Illinois Identification Card number.

(a-10) Each applicant for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card, who is employed as an armed security officer at a nuclear energy, storage, weapons, or development facility regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and who is not an Illinois resident, shall furnish to the Department of State Police his or her driver's license number or state identification card number from his or her state of residence. The Department of State Police may promulgate rules to enforce the provisions of this subsection (a-10).

(b) Each application form shall include the following statement printed in bold type: "Warning: Entering false information on an application for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card is punishable as a Class 2 felony in accordance with subsection (d-5) of Section 14 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act."

(c) Upon such written consent, pursuant to Section 4, paragraph (a)(2)(i), the parent or legal guardian giving the consent shall be liable for any damages resulting from the applicant's use of firearm or firearm ammunition.

**65/5. Approval or denial of application; fees.** The Department of State Police shall either approve or deny all applications within 30 days from the date they are received, and every applicant found qualified pursuant to Section 8 of this Act by the Department shall be entitled to a Firearm Owner's Identification Card upon the payment of a \$5 fee. \$3 of each fee derived from the issuance of Firearm Owner's Identification Cards, or renewals thereof, shall be deposited in the Wildlife and Fish Fund in the State Treasury; \$1 of such fee shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund in the State Treasury and \$1 of such fee shall be deposited in the Firearm Owner's Notification Fund. Monies in the Firearm Owner's Notification Fund shall be used exclusively to pay for the cost of sending notices of expiration of Firearm Owner's Identification Cards under Section 13.2 of this Act. Excess monies in the Firearm Owner's Notification Fund shall be used to ensure the prompt and efficient processing of applications received under Section 4 of this Act.

#### **65/6. Contents of Firearm Owner's Identification Card.**

(a) A Firearm Owner's Identification Card, issued by the Department of State Police at such places as the Director of the Department shall specify, shall contain the applicant's name, residence, date of birth, sex, physical description, recent photograph and signature such other personal identifying information as may be required by the Director. Each Firearm Owner's Identification Card must have the expiration date boldly and conspicuously displayed on the face of the card. Each Firearm Owner's Identification Card must have printed on it the following: "CAUTION - This card does not permit bearer to UNLAWFULLY carry or use firearms." Before December 1, 2002, the Department may use a person's digital photograph and signature from his or her Illinois driver's license or Illinois Identification Card, if available. On and after December 1, 2002, the Department shall use a person's digital photograph and signature from his or her Illinois driver's license or Illinois Identification Card, if available. The Department shall decline to use a person's digital photograph or signature if the digital photograph or signature is the result of or associated with fraudulent or erroneous data, unless otherwise provided by law.

(b) A person applying for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card shall consent to the Department of State Police using the applicant's digital driver's license or Illinois Identification Card photo-

tograph, if available, and signature on the applicant's Firearm Owner's Identification Card. The Secretary of State shall allow the Department of State Police access to the photograph and signature for the purpose of identifying the applicant and issuing to the applicant a Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

(c) The Secretary of State shall conduct a study to determine the cost and feasibility of creating a method of adding an identifiable code, background, or other means on the driver's license or Illinois Identification Card to show that an individual is not disqualified from owning or possessing a firearm under State or federal law. The Secretary shall report the findings of this study 12 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly.

#### **65/6.1. Altered, forged or counterfeit Firearm Owner's Identification Cards.**

(a) Any person who forges or materially alters a Firearm Owner's Identification Card or who counterfeits a Firearm Owner's Identification Card commits a Class 2 felony.

(b) Any person who knowingly possesses a forged or materially altered Firearm Owner's Identification Card with the intent to use it commits a Class 2 felony. A person who possesses a Firearm Owner's Identification Card with knowledge that it is counterfeit commits a Class 2 felony.

**65/7. Duration of identification card.** Except as provided in Section 8 of this Act, a Firearm Owner's Identification Card issued under the provisions of this Act shall be valid for the person to whom it is issued for a period of 5 years from the date of issuance.

**65/8. Denial of application or revocation or seizure of card.** The Department of State Police has authority to deny an application for or to revoke and seize a Firearm Owner's Identification Card previously issued under this Act only if the Department finds that the applicant or the person to whom such card was issued is or was at the time of issuance:

(a) A person under 21 years of age who has been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic offense or adjudged delinquent;

(b) A person under 21 years of age who does not have the written consent of his parent or guardian to acquire and possess firearms and firearm ammunition, or whose parent or guardian has revoked such written consent, or where such parent or guardian does not qualify to have a Firearm Owner's Identification Card;

(c) A person convicted of a felony under the laws of this or any other jurisdiction;

(d) A person addicted to narcotics;

(e) A person who has been a patient of a mental institution within the past 5 years;

(f) A person whose mental condition is of such a nature that it poses a clear and present danger to the applicant, any other person or persons or the community;

For the purposes of this Section, "mental condition" means a state of mind manifested by violent, suicidal, threatening or assaultive behavior.

(g) A person who is mentally retarded;

(h) A person who intentionally makes a false statement in the Firearm Owner's Identification Card application;

(i) An alien who is unlawfully present in the United States under the laws of the United States;

(j) A person who is subject to an existing order of protection prohibiting him or her from possessing a firearm;

(k) A person who has been convicted within the past 5 years of battery, assault, aggravated assault, violation of an order of protection, or a

substantially similar offense in another jurisdiction, in which a firearm was used or possessed;

(l) A person who has been convicted of domestic battery or a substantially similar offense in another jurisdiction committed on or after January 1, 1998; or

(m) A person who has been convicted within the past 5 years of domestic battery or a substantially similar offense in another jurisdiction committed before January 1, 1998.

(n) A person who is prohibited from acquiring or possessing firearms or firearm ammunition by any Illinois State statute or by federal law.

**65/12. Death of owner - transfer.** The provisions of this Act shall not apply to the passing or transfer of any firearm or firearm ammunition upon the death of the owner thereof to his heir or legatee or to the passing or transfer of any firearm or firearm ammunition incident to any legal proceeding or action until 60 days after such passing or transfer.

**65/13. Acquisition or possession prohibited by law.** Nothing in this Act shall make lawful the acquisition or possession of firearms or firearm ammunition which is otherwise prohibited by law.

**65/13.1. Municipal ordinance imposing greater restrictions or limitations.** The provisions of any ordinance enacted by any municipality which requires registration or imposes greater restrictions or limitations on the acquisition, possession and transfer of firearms than are imposed by this Act, are not invalidated or affected by this Act.

**65/13.2. Firearm owner's identification card - Notice of expiration.** The Department of State Police shall, 60 days prior to the expiration of a Firearm Owner's Identification Card, forward by first class mail to each person whose card is to expire a notification of the expiration of the card and an application which may be used to apply for renewal of the card. It is the obligation of the holder of a Firearm Owner's Identification Card to notify the Department of State Police of any address change since the issuance of the Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

**65/13.3. Municipal ordinance submission.** Within 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, every municipality must submit to the Department of State Police a copy of every ordinance adopted by the municipality that regulates the acquisition, possession, sale, or transfer of firearms within the municipality and must submit, 30 days after adoption, every such ordinance adopted after its initial submission of ordinances under this Section. The Department of State Police shall compile these ordinances and publish them in a form available to the public free of charge and shall periodically update this compilation of ordinances in a manner prescribed by the Director of State Police.

#### **65/14. Sentence.**

(a) A violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 2, when the person's Firearm Owner's Identification Card is expired but the person is not otherwise disqualified from renewing the card, is a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) with respect to an expired card, a violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 2 is a Class A misdemeanor when the person does not possess a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card, but is otherwise eligible under this Act. A second or subsequent violation is a Class 4 felony.

(c) A violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 2 is a Class 3 felony when:

(1) the person's Firearm Owner's Identification Card is revoked or subject to revocation under Section 8; or

(2) the person's Firearm Owner's Identification Card is expired and not otherwise eligible for renewal under this Act; or

(3) the person does not possess a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card, and the person is not otherwise eligible under this Act.

(d) A violation of subsection (a) of Section 3 is a Class 4 felony. A third or subsequent conviction is a Class 1 felony.

(d-5) Any person who knowingly enters false information on an application for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card, who knowingly gives a false answer to any question on the application, or who knowingly submits false evidence in connection with an application is guilty of a Class 2 felony.

(e) Except as provided by Section 6.1 of this Act, any other violation of this Act is a Class A misdemeanor.

## **Chapter 720. Criminal Offenses**

### **Act 5. Criminal Code of 1961**

#### **Article 16. Theft and Related Offenses**

##### **5/16-16. Possession of a stolen firearm.**

(a) A person commits possession of a stolen firearm when he or she, not being entitled to the possession of a firearm, possesses or delivers the firearm, knowing it to have been stolen or converted. It may be inferred that a person who possesses a firearm with knowledge that its serial number has been removed or altered has knowledge that the firearm is stolen or converted.

(b) Possession of a stolen firearm is a Class 2 felony.

##### **5/16-16.1. Aggravated possession of a stolen firearm.**

(a) A person commits aggravated possession of a stolen firearm when he or she:

(1) Not being entitled to the possession of not less than 2 and not more than 5 firearms, possesses or delivers those firearms at the same time or within a one year period, knowing the firearms to have been stolen or converted.

(2) Not being entitled to the possession of not less than 6 and not more than 10 firearms, possesses or delivers those firearms at the same time or within a 2 year period, knowing the firearms to have been stolen or converted.

(3) Not being entitled to the possession of not less than 11 and not more than 20 firearms, possesses or delivers those firearms at the same time or within a 3 year period, knowing the firearms to have been stolen or converted.

(4) Not being entitled to the possession of not less than 21 and not more than 30 firearms, possesses or delivers those firearms at the same time or within a 4 year period, knowing the firearms to have been stolen or converted.

(5) Not being entitled to the possession of more than 31 firearms, possesses or delivers those firearms at the same time or within a 5 year period, knowing the firearms to have been stolen or converted.

(b) It may be inferred that a person who possesses a firearm with knowledge that its serial number has been removed or altered has knowledge that the firearm is stolen or converted.

#### **(c) Sentence.**

(1) A person who violates paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section commits a Class 1 felony.

(2) A person who violates paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section commits a Class X felony for which he or she shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 6 years and not more than 30 years.

(3) A person who violates paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Section commits a Class X felony for which he or she shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 6 years and not more than 40 years.

(4) A person who violates paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this Section commits a Class X felony for which he or she shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 6 years and not more than 50 years.

(5) A person who violates paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this Section commits a Class X felony for which he or she shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 6 years and not more than 60 years.

## Article 24. Deadly Weapons

### 5/24-1. Unlawful use of weapons.

(a) A person commits the offense of unlawful use of weapons when he knowingly:

(1) Sells, manufactures, purchases, possesses or carries any bludgeon, black-jack, slung-shot, sand-club, sand-bag, metal knuckles, throwing star, or any knife, commonly referred to as a switchblade knife, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife, or a ballistic knife, which is a device that propels a knifelike blade as a projectile by means of a coil spring, elastic material or compressed gas; or

(2) Carries or possesses with intent to use the same unlawfully against another, a dagger, dirk, billy, dangerous knife, razor, stiletto, broken bottle or other piece of glass, stun gun or taser or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument of like character; or

(3) Carries on or about his person or in any vehicle, a tear gas gun projector or bomb or any object containing noxious liquid gas or substance, other than an object containing a non-lethal noxious liquid gas or substance designed solely for personal defense carried by a person 18 years of age or older; or

(4) Carries or possesses in any vehicle or concealed on or about his person except when on his land or in his own abode or fixed place of business any pistol, revolver, stun gun or taser or other firearm, except that this subsection (a) (4) does not apply to or affect transportation of weapons that meet one of the following conditions:

(i) are broken down in a non-functioning state; or

(ii) are not immediately accessible; or

(iii) are unloaded and enclosed in a case, firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other container by a person who has been issued a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card; or

(5) Sets a spring gun; or

(6) Possesses any device or attachment of any kind designed, used or intended for use in silencing the report of any firearm; or

(7) Sells, manufactures, purchases, possesses or carries:

(i) a machine gun, which shall be defined for the purposes of this subsection as any weapon, which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot without manually reloading by a single function of the trigger, including the frame or receiver of any such weapon, or sells, manufactures, purchases, possesses, or carries any

combination of parts designed or intended for use in converting any weapon into a machine gun, or any combination or [sic] parts from which a machine gun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person;

(ii) any rifle having one or more barrels less than 16 inches in length or a shotgun having one or more barrels less than 18 inches in length or any weapon made from a rifle or shotgun, whether by alteration, modification, or otherwise, if such a weapon as modified has an overall length of less than 26 inches; or

(iii) any bomb, bomb-shell, grenade, bottle or other container containing an explosive substance of over one-quarter ounce for like purposes, such as, but not limited to, black powder bombs and Molotov cocktails or artillery projectiles; or

(8) Carries or possesses any firearm, stun gun or taser or other deadly weapon in any place which is licensed to sell intoxicating beverages, or at any public gathering held pursuant to a license issued by any governmental body or any public gathering at which an admission is charged, excluding a place where a showing, demonstration or lecture involving the exhibition of unloaded firearms is conducted.

This subsection (a)(8) does not apply to any auction or raffle of a firearm held pursuant to a license or permit issued by a governmental body, nor does it apply to persons engaged in firearm safety training courses; or

(9) Carries or possesses in a vehicle or on or about his person any pistol, revolver, stun gun or taser or firearm or ballistic knife, when he is hooded, robed or masked in such manner as to conceal his identity; or

(10) Carries or possesses on or about his person, upon any public street, alley, or other public lands within the corporate limits of a city, village or incorporated town, except when an invitee thereon or therein, for the purpose of the display of such weapon or the lawful commerce in weapons, or except when on his land or in his own abode or fixed place of business, any pistol, revolver, stun gun or taser or other firearm, except that this subsection (a) (10) does not apply to or affect transportation of weapons that meet one of the following conditions:

(i) are broken down in a non-functioning state; or

(ii) are not immediately accessible; or

(iii) are unloaded and enclosed in a case, firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other container by a person who has been issued a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

A "stun gun or taser", as used in this paragraph (a) means (i) any device which is powered by electrical charging units, such as, batteries, and which fires one or several barbs attached to a length of wire and which, upon hitting a human, can send out a current capable of disrupting the person's nervous system in such a manner as to render him incapable of normal functioning or (ii) any device which is powered by electrical charging units, such as batteries, and which, upon contact with a human or clothing worn by a human, can send out current capable of disrupting the person's nervous system in such a manner as to render him incapable of normal functioning; or

(11) Sells, manufactures or purchases any explosive bullet. For purposes of this paragraph (a) explosive bullet" means the projectile portion of an ammunition cartridge which contains or carries an explosive charge which will explode upon contact with the flesh of a human or an animal. "Cartridge" means a tubular metal case having a

projectile affixed at the front thereof and a cap or primer at the rear end thereof, with the propellant contained in such tube between the projectile and the cap; or

(12) [Blank]

(b) **Sentence.** A person convicted of a violation of subsection 24-1(a)(1) through (5), subsection 24-1(a)(10), or subsection 24-1(a)(11) commits a Class A misdemeanor. A person convicted of a violation of subsection 24-1(a)(8) or 24-1(a)(9) commits a Class 4 felony; a person convicted of a violation of subsection 24-1(a)(6) or 24-1(a)(7)(ii) or (iii) commits a Class 3 felony. A person convicted of a violation of subsection 24-1(a)(7)(i) commits a Class 2 felony, unless the weapon is possessed in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle as defined in Section 1-146 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, or on the person, while the weapon is loaded, in which case it shall be a Class X felony. A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subsection 24-1(a)(4), 24-1(a)(8), 24-1(a)(9), or 24-1(a)(10) commits a Class 3 felony.

### (c) Violations in specific places.

(1) A person who violates subsection 24-1(a)(6) or 24-1(a)(7) in any school, regardless of the time of day or the time of year in residential property owned, operated or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development, in a public park, in a courthouse, on the real property comprising any school, regardless of the time of day or the time of year, on residential property owned, operated or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development, on the real property comprising any public park, on the real property comprising any courthouse, in any conveyance owned, leased or contracted by a school to transport students to or from school or a school related activity, or on any public way within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising any school, public park, courthouse, or residential property owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development commits a Class 2 felony.

(1.5) A person who violates subsection 24-1(a)(4), 24-1(a)(9), or 24-1(a)(10) in any school regardless of the time of day or the time of year, in residential property owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development, in a public park, in a courthouse, on the real property comprising any school, regardless of the time of day or the time of year, on residential property owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development, on the real property comprising any public park, on the real property comprising any courthouse, in any conveyance owned, leased or contracted by a school to transport students to or from school or a school related activity, or on any public way within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising any school, public park, courthouse, or residential property owned, operated or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development commits a Class 3 felony.

(2) A person who violates subsection 24-1(a)(1), 24-1(a)(2), or 24-1(a)(3) in any school, regardless of the time of day or the time of year, in residential property owned, operated or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a

public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development, in a public park, in a courthouse, on the real property comprising any school, regardless of the time of day or the time of year, on residential property owned, operated or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development, on the real property comprising any public park, on the real property comprising any courthouse, in any conveyance owned, leased or contracted by a school to transport students to or from school or a school related activity, or on any public way within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising any school, public park, courthouse, or residential property owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development commits a Class 4 felony. "Courthouse" means any building that is used by the Circuit, Appellate, or Supreme Court of this State for the conduct of official business.

(3) Paragraphs (1), (1.5), and (2) of this subsection (c) shall not apply to law enforcement officers or security officers of such school, college, or university or to students carrying or possessing firearms for use in training courses, parades, hunting, target shooting on school ranges, or otherwise with the consent of school authorities and which firearms are transported unloaded enclosed in a suitable case, box, or transportation package.

(4) For the purposes of this subsection (c), "school" means any public or private elementary or secondary school, community college, college or university.

(d) The presence in an automobile other than a public omnibus of any weapon, instrument or substance referred to in subsection (a)(7) is prima facie evidence that it is in the possession of, and is being carried by, all persons occupying such automobile at the time such weapon, instrument or substance is found, except under the following circumstances: (i) if such weapon, instrument or instrumentality is found upon the person of one of the occupants therein; or (ii) if such weapon, instrument or substance is found in an automobile operated for hire by a duly licensed driver in the due, lawful and proper pursuit of his trade, then such presumption shall not apply to the driver.

(e) **Exemptions.** Crossbows, common or compound bows and underwater spearguns are exempted from the definition of ballistic knife as defined in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section.

#### **5/24-1.1. Unlawful use or possession of weapons by felons or persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections facilities.**

(a) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly possess on or about his person or on his land or in his own abode or fixed place of business any weapon prohibited under Section 24-1 of this Act or any firearm or any firearm ammunition if the person has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this State or any other jurisdiction. This Section shall not apply if the person has been granted relief by the Director of the Department of State Police under Section 10 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

(b) It is unlawful for a person confined in a penal institution, which is a facility of the Illinois Department of Corrections, to possess any weapon prohibited under Section 24-1 of this Code or any firearm or firearm ammunition, regardless of the intent with which he possesses it.

(c) It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of subsection (b), that such possession

was specifically authorized by rule, regulation, or directive of the Illinois Department of Corrections or order issued pursuant thereto.

(d) The defense of necessity is not available to a person who is charged with a violation of subsection (b) of this Section.

(e) **Sentence.** Violation of this Section by a person not confined in a penal institution shall be a Class 3 felony for which the person, if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall be sentenced to no less than 2 years and no more than 10 years. Violation of this Section by a person not confined in a penal institution who has been convicted of a forcible felony, a felony violation of Article 24 of this Code or of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, stalking or aggravated stalking, or a Class 2 or greater felony under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act or the Cannabis Control Act is a Class 2 felony for which the person, if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall be sentenced to not less than 3 years and not more than 14 years. Violation of this Section by a person who is on parole or mandatory supervised release is a Class 2 felony for which the person, if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall be sentenced to not less than 3 years and not more than 14 years. Violation of this Section by a person not confined in a penal institution is a Class X felony when the firearm possessed is a machine gun. Any person who violates this Section while confined in a penal institution, which is a facility of the Illinois Department of Corrections, is guilty of a Class 1 felony, if he possesses any weapon prohibited under Section 24-1 of this Code regardless of the intent with which he possesses it, a Class X felony if he possesses any firearm, firearm ammunition or explosive, and a Class X felony for which the offender shall be sentenced to not less than 12 years and not more than 50 years when the firearm possessed is a machine gun.

#### **5/24-1.6. Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.**

(a) A person commits the offense of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon when he or she knowingly:

(1) Carries on or about his or her person or in any vehicle or concealed on or about his or her person except when on his or her land or in his or her abode or fixed place of business any pistol, revolver, stun gun or taser or other firearm; or

(2) Carries or possesses on or about his or her person, upon any public street, alley, or other public lands within the corporate limits of a city, village or incorporated town, except when an invitee thereon or therein, for the purpose of the display of such weapon or the lawful commerce in weapons, or except when on his or her own land or in his or her own abode or fixed place of business, any pistol, revolver, stun gun or taser or other firearm; and

(3) One of the following factors is present:

(A) the firearm possessed was uncased, loaded and immediately accessible at the time of the offense; or

(B) the firearm possessed was uncased, unloaded and the ammunition for the weapon was immediately accessible at the time of the offense; or

(C) the person possessing the firearm has not been issued a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card; or

(D) the person possessing the weapon was previously adjudicated a delinquent minor under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 for an act that if committed by an adult would be a felony; or

(E) the person possessing the weapon was engaged in a misdemeanor violation of the Can-

nabis Control Act or in a misdemeanor violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act; or

(F) the person possessing the weapon is a member of a street gang or is engaged in street gang related activity, as defined in Section 10 of the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act; or

(G) the person possessing the weapon had a order of protection issued against him or her within the previous 2 years; or

(H) the person possessing the weapon was engaged in the commission or attempted commission of a misdemeanor involving the use or threat of violence against the person or property of another; or

(I) the person possessing the weapon was under 21 years of age and in possession of a handgun as defined in Section 24-3, unless the person under 21 is engaged in lawful activities under the Wildlife Code or described in subsection 24-2(b)(1), (b)(3), or 24-2(f).

(b) "Stun gun or taser" as used in this Section has the same definition given to it in Section 24-1 of this Code.

(c) This Section does not apply to or affect the transportation or possession of weapons that:

(i) are broken down in a non-functioning state; or

(ii) are not immediately accessible; or

(iii) are unloaded and enclosed in a case, firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other container by a person who has been issued a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

(d) **Sentence.** Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon is a Class 4 felony; a second or subsequent offense is a Class 2 felony. Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon by a person who has been previously convicted of a felony in this State or another jurisdiction is a Class 2 felony.

#### **5/24-2. Exemptions.**

(a) Subsections 24-1(a)(3), 24-1(a)(4) and 24-1(a)(10) and Section 24-1.6 do not apply to or affect any of the following:

(1) Peace officers, and any person summoned by a peace officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace, while actually engaged in assisting such officer.

(2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense, while in the performance of their official duty, or while commuting between their homes and places of employment.

(3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of the United States or the Illinois National Guard or the Reserve Officers Training Corps, while in the performance of their official duty.

(4) Special agents employed by a railroad or a public utility to perform police functions, and guards of armored car companies, while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment or commuting between their homes and places of employment; and watchmen while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment.

(5) Persons licensed as private security contractors, private detectives, or private alarm contractors, or employed by an agency certified by the Department of Professional Regulation, if their duties include the carrying of a weapon under the provisions of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, and Private Security Act of 1983, while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment or commuting between their homes and places of employment, provided that such commuting is accomplished within one hour from departure from home or place of employment, as the case may be. Per-

sons exempted under this subdivision (a)(5) shall be required to have completed a course of study in firearms handling and training approved and supervised by the Department of Professional Regulation as prescribed by Section 28 of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, and Private Security Act of 1983, prior to becoming eligible for this exemption. The Department of Professional Regulation shall provide suitable documentation demonstrating the successful completion of the prescribed firearms training. Such documentation shall be carried at all times when such persons are in possession of a concealable weapon.

(6) Any person regularly employed in a commercial or industrial operation as a security guard for the protection of persons employed and private property related to such commercial or industrial operation, while actually engaged in the performance of his or her duty or traveling between sites or properties belonging to the employer, and who, as a security guard, is a member of a security force of at least 5 persons registered with the Department of Professional Regulation; provided that such security guard has successfully completed a course of study, approved by and supervised by the Department of Professional Regulation, consisting of not less than 40 hours of training that includes the theory of law enforcement, liability for acts, and the handling of weapons. A person shall be considered eligible for this exemption if he or she has completed the required 20 hours of training for a security officer and 20 hours of required firearm training, and has been issued a firearm authorization card by the Department of Professional Regulation. Conditions for the renewal of firearm authorization cards issued under the provisions of this Section shall be the same as for those cards issued under the provisions of the Private Detective, Private Alarm and Private Security Act of 1983. Such firearm authorization card shall be carried by the security guard at all times when he or she is in possession of a concealable weapon.

(7) Agents and investigators of the Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission authorized by the Commission to carry the weapons specified in subsections 24-1(a)(3) and 24-1(a)(4), while on duty in the course of any investigation for the Commission.

(8) Persons employed by a financial institution for the protection of other employees and property related to such financial institution, while actually engaged in the performance of their duties, commuting between their homes and places of employment, or traveling between sites or properties owned or operated by such financial institution, provided that any person so employed has successfully completed a course of study, approved by and supervised by the Department of Professional Regulation, consisting of not less than 40 hours of training which includes theory of law enforcement, liability for acts, and the handling of weapons. A person shall be considered to be eligible for this exemption if he or she has completed the required 20 hours of training for a security officer and 20 hours of required firearm training, and has been issued a firearm authorization card by the Department of Professional Regulation. Conditions for renewal of firearm authorization cards issued under the provisions of this Section shall be the same as for those issued under the provisions of the Private Detective, Private Alarm and Private Security Act of 1983. Such firearm authorization card shall be carried by the person so trained at all times when such person is in possession of a concealable weapon. For purposes of this sub-

section, "financial institution" means a bank, savings and loan association, credit union or company providing armored car services.

(9) Any person employed by an armored car company to drive an armored car, while actually engaged in the performance of his duties.

(10) Persons who have been classified as peace officers pursuant to the Peace Officer Fire Investigation Act.

(11) Investigators of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor authorized by the board of governors of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor to carry weapons pursuant to Section 7.06 of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act.

(12) Special investigators appointed by a State's Attorney under Section 39005 of the Counties Code.

(13) Court Security Officers while in the performance of their official duties, or while commuting between their homes and places of employment, with the consent of the Sheriff.

(14) Manufacture, transportation, or sale of weapons to persons authorized under subdivisions (1) through (13) of this subsection to possess those weapons.

(b) Subsections 24-1(a)(4) and 24-1(a)(10) and Section 24-1.6 do not apply to or affect any of the following:

(1) Members of any club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or private, and patrons of such ranges, while such members or patrons are using their firearms on those target ranges.

(2) Duly authorized military or civil organizations while parading, with the special permission of the Governor.

(3) Hunters, trappers or fishermen with a license or permit while engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing.

(4) Transportation of weapons that are broken down in a non-functioning state or are not immediately accessible.

(c) Subsection 24-1(a)(7) does not apply to or affect any of the following:

(1) Peace officers while in performance of their official duties.

(2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense.

(3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of the United States or the Illinois National Guard, while in the performance of their official duty.

(4) Manufacture, transportation, or sale of machine guns to persons authorized under subdivisions (1) through (3) of this subsection to possess machine guns, if the machine guns are broken down in a non-functioning state or are not immediately accessible.

(5) Persons licensed under federal law to manufacture any weapon from which 8 or more shots or bullets can be discharged by a single function of the firing device, or ammunition for such weapons, and actually engaged in the business of manufacturing such weapons or ammunition, but only with respect to activities which are within the lawful scope of such business, such as the manufacture, transportation, or testing of such weapons or ammunition. This exemption does not authorize the general private possession of any weapon from which 8 or more shots or bullets can be discharged by a single function of the firing device, but only such possession and activities as are within the lawful scope of a licensed manufacturing business described in this paragraph.

During transportation, such weapons shall be broken down in a non-functioning state or not immediately accessible.

(6) The manufacture, transport, testing, delivery, transfer or sale, and all lawful commercial or experimental activities necessary thereto, of rifles, shotguns, and weapons made from rifles or shotguns, or ammunition for such rifles, shotguns or weapons, where engaged in by a person operating as a contractor or subcontractor pursuant to a contract or subcontract for the development and supply of such rifles, shotguns, weapons or ammunition to the United States government or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, when such activities are necessary and incident to fulfilling the terms of such contract.

The exemption granted under this subdivision (c)(6) shall also apply to any authorized agent of any such contractor or subcontractor who is operating within the scope of his employment, where such activities involving such weapon, weapons or ammunition are necessary and incident to fulfilling the terms of such contract.

During transportation, any such weapon shall be broken down in a non-functioning state, or not immediately accessible.

(d) Subsection 24-1(a)(1) does not apply to the purchase, possession or carrying of a black-jack or slung-shot by a peace officer.

(e) Subsection 24-1(a)(8) does not apply to any owner, manager or authorized employee of any place specified in that subsection nor to any law enforcement officer.

(f) subsection 24-1(a)(4) and subsection 24-1(a)(10) and Section 24-1.6 do not apply to members of any club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or private, while using their firearms on those target ranges.

(g) subsections 24-1(a)(11) and 24-3.1(a)(6) do not apply to:

(1) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of the United States or the Illinois National Guard, while in the performance of their official duty.

(2) Bonafide [sic] collectors of antique or surplus military ordinance.

(3) Laboratories having a department of forensic ballistics, or specializing in the development of ammunition or explosive ordinance.

(4) Commerce, preparation, assembly or possession of explosive bullets by manufacturers of ammunition licensed by the federal government, in connection with the supply of those organizations and persons exempted by subdivision (g)(1) of this Section, or like organizations and persons outside this State, or the transportation of explosive bullets to any organization or person exempted in this Section by a common carrier or by a vehicle owned or leased by an exempted manufacturer.

(h) An information or indictment based upon a violation of any subsection of this Article need not negative any exemptions contained in this Article. The defendant shall have the burden of proving such an exemption.

(i) Nothing in this Article shall prohibit, apply to, or affect the transportation, carrying, or possession, of any pistol or revolver, stun gun, taser, or other firearm consigned to a common carrier operating under license of the State of Illinois or the federal government, where such transportation, carrying, or possession is incident to the lawful transportation in which such common carrier is engaged; and nothing in this Article shall prohibit, apply to, or affect the transportation, carrying, or possession of any pistol,

revolver, stun gun, taser, or other firearm, not the subject of and regulated by subsection 24-1(a)(7) or subsection 24-2(c) of this Article, which is unloaded and enclosed in a case, firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other container, by the possessor of a valid Firearm Owners Identification Card.

#### **5/24-2.1. Unlawful use of firearm projectiles.**

(a) A person commits the offense of unlawful use of firearm projectiles when he or she knowingly manufactures, sells, purchases, possesses, or carries any armor piercing bullet, dragon's breath shotgun shell, bolo shell, or flechette shell.

For the purposes of this Section:

**"Armor piercing bullet"** means any handgun bullet or handgun ammunition with projectiles or projectile cores constructed entirely (excluding the presence of traces of other substances) from tungsten alloys, steel, iron, brass, bronze, beryllium copper or depleted uranium, or fully jacketed bullets larger than 22 caliber designed and intended for use in a handgun and whose jacket has a weight of more than 25% of the total weight of the projectile, and excluding those handgun projectiles whose cores are composed of soft materials such as lead or lead alloys, zinc or zinc alloys, frangible projectiles designed primarily for sporting purposes, and any other projectiles or projectile cores that the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury finds to be primarily intended to be used for sporting purposes or industrial purposes or that otherwise does not constitute "armor piercing ammunition" as that term is defined by federal law.

The definition contained herein shall not be construed to include shotgun shells.

**"Dragon's breath shotgun shell"** means any shotgun shell that contains exothermic pyrophoric mesh metal as the projectile and is designed for the purpose of throwing or spewing a flame or fireball to simulate a flame-thrower.

**"Bolo shell"** means any shell that can be fired in a firearm and expels as projectiles 2 or more metal balls connected by solid metal wire.

**"Flechette shell"** means any shell that can be fired in a firearm and expels 2 or more pieces of fin-stabilized solid metal wire or 2 or more solid dart-type projectiles.

(b) **Exemptions.** This Section does not apply to or affect any of the following:

(1) Peace officers.

(2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense.

(3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of the United States or the Illinois National Guard while in the performance of their official duties.

(4) Federal officials required to carry firearms, while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

(5) United States Marshals, while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

(6) Persons licensed under federal law to manufacture, import, or sell firearms and firearm ammunition, and actually engaged in any such business, but only with respect to activities which are within the lawful scope of such business, such as the manufacture, transportation, or testing of such bullets or ammunition.

This exemption does not authorize the general private possession of any armor piercing bullet, dragon's breath shotgun shell, bolo shell, or flechette shell, but only such possession and

activities which are within the lawful scope of a licensed business described in this paragraph.

(7) Laboratories having a department of forensic ballistics or specializing in the development of ammunition or explosive ordnance.

(8) Manufacture, transportation or sale of armor piercing bullets, dragon's breath shotgun shells, bolo shells, or flechette shells to persons specifically authorized under paragraphs (1) through (7) of this subsection to possess such bullets or shells.

(c) An information or indictment based upon a violation of this Section need not negate any exemption herein contained. The defendant shall have the burden of proving such an exemption.

(d) **Sentence.** A person convicted of unlawful use of armor piercing bullets shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony.

#### **5/24-2.2. Manufacture, sale or transfer of bullets or shells represented to be armor piercing bullets, dragon's breath shotgun shells, bolo shells, or flechette shells.**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section, it is unlawful for any person to knowingly manufacture, sell, offer to sell, or transfer any bullet or shell which is represented to be an armor piercing bullet, a dragon's breath shotgun shell, a bolo shell, or a flechette shell as defined in Section 24-2.1 of this Code.

(b) **Exemptions.** This Section does not apply to or affect any person authorized under Section 24-2.1 to manufacture, sell, purchase, possess, or carry any armor piercing bullet with respect to activities which are within the lawful scope of the exemption therein granted.

(c) An information or indictment based upon a violation of this Section need not negate any exemption herein contained. The defendant shall have the burden of proving such an exemption and that the activities forming the basis of any criminal charge brought pursuant to this Section were within the lawful scope of such exemption.

(d) **Sentence.** A violation of this Section is a Class 4 felony.

#### **5/24-3. Unlawful sale of firearms.**

(A) A person commits the offense of unlawful sale of firearms when he or she knowingly does any of the following:

(a) Sells or gives any firearm of a size which may be concealed upon the person to any person under 18 years of age.

(b) Sells or gives any firearm to a person under 21 years of age who has been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic offense or adjudged delinquent.

(c) Sells or gives any firearm to any narcotic addict.

(d) Sells or gives any firearm to any person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this or any other jurisdiction.

(e) Sells or gives any firearm to any person who has been a patient in a mental hospital within the past 5 years.

(f) Sells or gives any firearms to any person who is mentally retarded.

(g) Delivers any firearm of a size which may be concealed upon the person, incidental to a sale, without withholding delivery of such firearm for at least 72 hours after application for its purchase has been made, or delivers any rifle, shotgun or other long gun, incidental to a sale, without withholding delivery of such rifle, shotgun or other long gun for at least 24 hours after application for its purchase has been made. However, this paragraph (g) does not apply to: (1) the sale of a firearm to a law enforcement officer or a person who desires to purchase a firearm for use in promoting the public interest incident to his or her employment as a bank guard, armed

truck guard, or other similar employment; (2) a mail order sale of a firearm to a nonresident of Illinois under which the firearm is mailed to a point outside the boundaries of Illinois; (3) the sale of a firearm to a nonresident of Illinois while at a firearm showing or display recognized by the Illinois Department of State Police; or (4) the sale of a firearm to a dealer licensed under the Federal Firearms Act of the United States.

(h) While holding any license as a dealer, importer, manufacturer or pawnbroker under the federal Gun Control Act of 1968, manufactures, sells or delivers to any unlicensed person a handgun having a barrel, slide, frame or receiver which is a die casting of zinc alloy or any other nonhomogeneous metal which will melt or deform at a temperature of less than 800 degrees Fahrenheit. For purposes of this paragraph, (1) "firearm" is defined as in the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act; and; (2) "handgun" is defined as a firearm designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand, and includes a combination of parts from which such a firearm can be assembled.

(i) Sells or gives a firearm of any size to any person under 18 years of age who does not possess a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

(B) Paragraph (h) of this subsection (A) does not include firearms sold within 6 months after enactment of Public Act 78-355 (approved August 21, 1973, effective October 1, 1973), nor shall any firearm legally owned or possessed by any citizen or purchased by any citizen within 6 months after the enactment of Public Act 78-355 subject to confiscation or seizure under the provisions of that Public Act of 1973. Nothing in Public Act 78-355 shall be construed to prohibit the gift or trade of any firearm if that firearm was legally held or acquired within 6 months after the enactment of that Public Act.

#### **(C) Sentence.**

(1) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms in violation of any of paragraphs (c) through (h) of subsection (A) commits a Class 4 felony.

(2) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms in violation of paragraph (b) or (i) of subsection (A) commits a Class 3 felony.

(3) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms in violation of paragraph (a) of subsection (A) commits a Class 2 felony.

(4) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms in violation of paragraph (a), (b), or (i) of subsection (A) in any school, on the real property comprising a school, within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a school, at a school related activity, or on or within 1,000 feet of any conveyance owned, leased, or contracted by a school or school district to transport students to or from school or a school related activity regardless of the time of day or time of year at which the offense was committed commits a Class 1 felony. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of unlawful sale of firearms in violation of paragraph (a), (b), or (i) of subsection (A) in any school, on the real property comprising a school, within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a school, at a school related activity, or on or within 1,000 feet of any conveyance owned, leased, or contracted by a school or school district to transport students to or from school or a school related activity regardless of the time of day or time of year at which the offense was committed commits a Class 1 felony for which the sentence shall be a term of imprisonment of no less than 5 years and no more than 15 years.

(5) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms in violation of paragraph (a) or (i) of



subsection (A) in residential property owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development, in a public park, in a courthouse, on residential property owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency, on the real property comprising any public park or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development, on the real property comprising any court-house, or on any public way within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising any public park, courthouse, or residential property owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development commits a Class 2 felony.

**(D)** For purposes of this Section:

**"School"** means a public or private elementary or secondary school, community college, college, or university.

**"School related activity"** means any sporting, social, academic, or other activity for which students' attendance or participation is sponsored, organized, or funded in whole or in part by a school or school district.

#### **5/24-3A. Gunrunning.**

**(a)** A person commits gunrunning when he or she transfers 3 or more firearms in violation of any of the paragraphs of Section 24-3 of this Code.

**(b) Sentence.** A person who commits gunrunning is guilty of a Class 1 felony. A person who commits gunrunning by transferring firearms to a person who, at the time of the commission of the offense, is under 18 years of age is guilty of a Class X felony.

#### **5/24-3.1. Unlawful possession of firearms and firearm ammunition.**

**(a)** A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of firearms or firearm ammunition when:

**(1)** He is under 18 years of age and has in his possession any firearm of a size which may be concealed upon the person; or

**(2)** He is under 21 years of age, has been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic offense or adjudged delinquent and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or

**(3)** He is a narcotic addict and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or

**(4)** He has been a patient in a mental hospital within the past 5 years and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or

**(5)** He is mentally retarded and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or

**(6)** He has in his possession any explosive bullet.

For purposes of this paragraph "explosive bullet" means the projectile portion of an ammunition cartridge which contains or carries an explosive charge which will explode upon contact with the flesh of a human or an animal. "Cartridge" means a tubular metal case having a projectile affixed at the front thereof and a cap or primer at the rear end thereof, with the propellant contained in such tube between the projectile and the cap.

**(b) Sentence.** Unlawful possession of firearms, other than handguns, and firearm ammunition is a Class A misdemeanor. Unlawful possession of handguns is a Class 4 felony.

**(c)** Nothing in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section prohibits a person under 18 years of age from participating in any lawful recreational activity with a firearm such as, but not limited to, practice shooting at targets upon established public or private target ranges or hunting, trap-

ping, or fishing in accordance with the Wildlife Code or the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

**5/24-3.3. Unlawful sale or delivery of firearms on the premises of any school.** Unlawful sale or delivery of firearms on the premises of any school, regardless of the time of day or the time of year, or any conveyance owned, leased or contracted by a school to transport students to or from school or a school related activity, or residential property owned, operated or managed by a public housing agency. Any person 18 years of age or older who sells, gives or delivers any firearm to any person under 18 years of age in any school, regardless of the time of day or the time of year or residential property owned, operated or managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development, on the real property comprising any school, regardless of the time of day or the time of year or residential property owned, operated and managed by a public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development commits a Class 3 felony. School is defined, for the purposes of this Section, as any public or private elementary or secondary school, community college, college or university. This does not apply to peace officers or to students carrying or possessing firearms for use in school training courses, parades, target shooting on school ranges, or otherwise with the consent of school authorities and which firearms are transported unloaded and enclosed in a suitable case, box or transportation package.

#### **5/24-3.4. Unlawful sale of firearms by liquor licensee.**

**(a)** It shall be unlawful for any person who holds a license to sell at retail any alcoholic liquor issued by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission or local liquor control commissioner under the Liquor Control Act of 1934 [235 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.] or an agent or employee of the licensee to sell or deliver to any other person a firearm in or on the real property of the establishment where the licensee is licensed to sell alcoholic liquors unless the sale or delivery of the firearm is otherwise lawful under this Article and under the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

**(b) Sentence.** A violation of subsection (a) of this Section is a Class 4 felony.

#### **5/24-3.5. Unlawful purchase of a firearm.**

**(a)** For purposes of this Section, "firearms transaction record form" means a form:

**(1)** executed by a transferee of a firearm stating: (i) the transferee's name and address (including county or similar political subdivision); (ii) whether the transferee is a citizen of the United States; (iii) the transferee's State of residence; and (iv) the date and place of birth, height, weight, and race of the transferee; and

**(2)** on which the transferee certifies that he or she is not prohibited by federal law from transporting or shipping a firearm in interstate or foreign commerce or receiving a firearm that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce or possessing a firearm in or affecting commerce.

**(b)** A person commits the offense of unlawful purchase of a firearm who knowingly purchases or attempts to purchase a firearm with the intent to deliver that firearm to another person who is prohibited by federal or State law from possessing a firearm.

**(c)** A person commits the offense of unlawful purchase of a firearm when he or she, in purchasing or attempting to purchase a firearm, intentionally provides false or misleading information to a United States Department of the Treas-

ury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms firearms transaction record form.

**(d) Exemption.** It is not a violation of subsection (b) of this Section for a person to make a gift or loan of a firearm to a person who is not prohibited by federal or State law from possessing a firearm if the transfer of the firearm is made in accordance with Section 3 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

#### **(e) Sentence.**

**(1)** A person who commits the offense of unlawful purchase of a firearm by purchasing a firearm with intent to deliver the firearm in violation of subsection (b) or by purchasing a firearm in violation of subsection (c):

**(A)** is guilty of a Class 4 felony for purchasing one firearm;

**(B)** is guilty of a Class 3 felony for purchasing not less than 2 firearms and not more than 5 firearms at the same time or within a one year period;

**(C)** is guilty of a Class 2 felony for purchasing not less than 6 firearms and not more than 10 firearms at the same time or within a 2 year period;

**(D)** is guilty of a Class 1 felony for purchasing not less than 11 firearms and not more than 20 firearms at the same time or within a 3 year period;

**(E)** is guilty of a Class X felony for which the person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 6 years and not more than 30 years for purchasing not less than 21 firearms and not more than 30 firearms at the same time or within a 4 year period;

**(F)** is guilty of a Class X felony for which the person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 6 years and not more than 40 years for purchasing not less than 31 firearms and not more than 40 firearms at the same time or within a 5 year period;

**(G)** is guilty of a Class X felony for which the person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 6 years and not more than 50 years for purchasing more than 40 firearms at the same time or within a 6 year period.

**(2)** In addition to any other penalty that may be imposed for a violation of this Section, the court may sentence a person convicted of a violation of subsection (c) of this Section to a fine not to exceed \$250,000 for each violation.

#### **5/24-3.6. Unlawful use of a firearm in the shape of a wireless telephone.**

**(a)** For the purposes of this Section, "wireless telephone" means a device that is capable of transmitting or receiving telephonic communications without a wire connecting the device to the telephone network.

**(b)** A person commits the offense of unlawful use of a firearm in the shape of a wireless telephone when he or she manufactures, sells, transfers, purchases, possesses, or carries a firearm shaped or designed to appear as a wireless telephone.

**(c)** This Section does not apply to or affect the sale to or possession of a firearm in the shape of a wireless telephone by a peace officer.

**(d) Sentence.** Unlawful use of a firearm in the shape of a wireless telephone is a Class 4 felony.

#### **5/24-4. Register of sales by dealer.**

**(a)** Any seller of firearms of a size which may be concealed upon the person, other than a manufacturer selling to a bona fide wholesaler or retailer or a wholesaler selling to a bona fide retailer, shall keep a register of all firearms sold or given away.

**(b)** Such register shall contain the date of the sale or gift, the name, address, age and occupa-



tion of the person to whom the weapon is sold or given, the price of the weapon, the kind, description and number of the weapon, and the purpose for which it is purchased and obtained.

(c) Such seller on demand of a peace officer shall produce for inspection the register and allow such peace officer to inspect such register and all stock on hand.

(d) **Sentence.** Violation of this Section is a Class B misdemeanor.

#### **5/24-5. Defacing identification marks of firearms.**

(a) Any person who shall knowingly or intentionally change, alter, remove or obliterate the name of the maker, model, manufacturer's number or other mark of identification of any firearm commits a Class 2 felony.

(b) Possession of any firearm upon which any such mark shall have been changed, altered, removed or obliterated shall be prima facie evidence that the possessor has changed, altered, removed or obliterated the same.

**5/24-7. Weapons offenses; community service.** In addition to any other sentence that may be imposed, a court shall order any person convicted of a violation of this Article to perform community service for not less than 30 and not more than 120 hours, if community service is available in the jurisdiction and is funded and approved by the county board of the county where the offense was committed. In addition, whenever any person is placed on supervision for an alleged offense under this Article, the supervision shall be conditioned upon the performance of the community service.

This Section does not apply when the court imposes a sentence of incarceration.

#### **5/24-8. Firearm tracing.**

(a) Upon recovering a firearm from the possession of anyone who is not permitted by federal or State law to possess a firearm, a local law enforcement agency shall use the best available information, including a firearms trace when necessary, to determine how and from whom the person gained possession of the firearm. Upon recovering a firearm that was used in the commission of any offense classified as a felony or upon recovering a firearm that appears to have been lost, mislaid, stolen, or otherwise unclaimed, a local law enforcement agency shall use the best available information, including a firearms trace when necessary, to determine prior ownership of the firearm.

(b) Local law enforcement shall, when appropriate, use the National Tracing Center of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in complying with subsection (a) of this Section.

(c) Local law enforcement agencies shall use the Illinois Department of State Police Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) Gun File to enter all stolen, seized, or recovered firearms as prescribed by LEADS regulations and policies.

#### **5/24-9. Firearms; Child Protection.**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c), it is unlawful for any person to store or leave, within premises under his or her control, a firearm if the person knows or has reason to believe that a minor under the age of 14 years who does not have a Firearm Owners Identification Card is likely to gain access to the firearm without the lawful permission of the minor's parent, guardian, or person having charge of the minor, and the minor causes death or great bodily harm with the firearm, unless the firearm is:

(1) secured by a device or mechanism, other than the firearm safety, designed to render a firearm temporarily inoperable; or

(2) placed in a securely locked box or container; or

(3) placed in some other location that a reasonable person would believe to be secure from a minor under the age of 14 years.

(b) **Sentence.** A person who violates this Section is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$1,000. A second or sub-sequent violation of this Section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(c) Subsection (a) does not apply:

(1) if the minor under 14 years of age gains access to a firearm and uses it in a lawful act of self-defense or defense of another; or

(2) to any firearm obtained by a minor under the age of 14 because of an unlawful entry of the premises by the minor or another person.

(d) For the purposes of this Section, "firearm" as the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

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### **Chapter 29. Offenses - Miscellaneous Article III. Offenses Against or Endangering the Person**

#### **29-43. Unlawful use of weapons.**

(a) A person commits the offense of unlawful use of weapons when he knowingly: ...

(4) Carries or possesses in any vehicle or concealed on or about his person except when on his land or in his own abode or fixed place of business any pistol, revolver, stun gun or taser or other firearm; or ...

(6) Possesses any device or attachment of any kind designed, used or intended for use in silencing the report of any firearm; or

(7) Sells, manufactures, purchases, possesses or carries a machine gun, which shall be defined for the purposes of this subsection as any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one (1) shot without manually reloading by a single function of the trigger, including the frame or receiver of any such weapon; or sells, manufactures, purchases, possesses or carries any combination of parts designed or intended for use in converting any weapon into a machine gun, or any combination of parts from which a machine gun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person, or any rifle having one (1) or more barrels less than sixteen (16) inches in length or a shotgun having one (1) or more barrels less than eighteen (18) inches in length, or a rifle or shotgun which does not have a fixed stock capable of being fired from the shoulder, or any weapon made from a rifle or shotgun, whether by alteration, modification or otherwise, if such a weapon as modified has an overall length of less than twenty-six (26) inches, or any bomb, bomb-shell, grenade, bottle or other container containing an explosive substance of over one-quarter ounce for like purposes, such as, but not limited to, black powder bombs and Molotov cocktails or artillery projectiles; or ...

(10) Carries or possesses on or about his person, upon any public street, alley or other public lands within the corporate limits of the city, except when the invitee thereon or therein, for the purpose of the display of such weapon or the

lawful commerce in weapons, or except when on his land or in his own abode or fixed place of business, any pistol, revolver, stun gun or taser or other firearm. A "stun gun or taser," as used in this paragraph (a) means (i) any device which is powered by electrical charging units, such as batteries, and which fires one (1) or several barbs attached to a length of wire and which, upon hitting a human, can send out a current capable of disrupting the person's nervous system in such a manner as to render him incapable of normal functioning; or (ii) any device which is powered by electrical charging units, such as batteries, and which, upon contact with a human or clothing worn by a human, can send out a current capable of disrupting the person's nervous system in such a manner as to render him incapable of normal functioning; or

(11) Sells, manufactures or purchases any explosive bullet. For purposes of this subsection "explosive bullet" means the projectile portion of an ammunition cartridge which contains or carries an explosive charge which will explode upon contact with the flesh of a human or an animal. "Cartridge" means a tubular metal case having a projectile affixed at the front thereof and a cap or primer at the rear end thereof, with the propellant contained in such tube between the projectile and the cap; or

(12) Carries or possesses on or about his person any bludgeon, blackjack, sling-shot, sand-club, sand-bag, metal knuckles, throwing star, butterfly knife, nunchaku, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, tear gas projector bomb or any object containing noxious liquid gas, pistol or revolver or other firearm, bomb, grenade, bottle or other container containing an explosive substance of over one-quarter ounce, or cartridge while in the building or on the grounds of any elementary or secondary school, community college, college or university or while on the grounds of any public parks, playground forest preserve or residential property owned, operated or managed by a public housing agency or while on any public way within one thousand (1,000) feet of the real property comprising any school or public park or residential property owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency. This subsection shall not apply to law enforcement officers or security officers of such school, college, university, park, forest preserve or public housing agency, nor to students carrying or possessing firearms for use in training courses, parades, hunting, target shooting on school ranges, or otherwise with the consent of school authorities and which firearms are transported unloaded and enclosed in a suitable case, box or transportation package.

(b) A person violating subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor III.

(c) The presence in an automobile other than a public omnibus of any weapon, instrument or substance referred to in paragraph (a)(7) is a prima facie evidence that it is in the possession of, and is being carried by, all persons occupying such automobile at the time such weapon, instrument or substance is found, except under the following circumstances:

(1) If such weapon, instrument or substance is found upon the person of one (1) of the occupants therein; or

(2) If such weapon, instrument or substance is found in an automobile operated for hire by a duly licensed driver in the due, lawful and proper pursuit of his trade, then such presumption shall not apply to the driver.

(d) Upon conviction of a violation of this section, any weapon seized shall be confiscated by the trial court. Any weapon so confiscated shall

be transferred to the police department for disposition.

#### **29-44. Exemptions.**

(a) Section 29-43, paragraphs (a)(3), (a)(4) and (a)(10) do not apply to or affect any of the following:

(1) Peace officers or any person summoned by any peace officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while he is actually engaged in assisting such officer.

(2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense, while in the performance of their official duty, or while commuting between their homes and place of employment.

(3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of the United States or the Illinois National Guard or the Reserve Officers Training Corps, while in the performance of their official duty.

(4) Special agents employed by a railroad or a public utility to perform police functions, or guards of armored car companies while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment or commuting between their homes and places of employment; watchmen, while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment.

(5) Persons licensed as private security contractors, private detectives, private alarm contractors or employed by an agency certified by the department of registration and education if their duties include the carrying of a weapon under the provisions of the Private Detective, Private Alarm and Private Security Act of 1983 [225 ILCS 445/1 et seq.], while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment or commuting between their homes and places of employment, provided that such commuting is accomplished within one (1) hour from departure from home or place of employment, as the case may be. Persons exempted under this paragraph shall be required to have completed a course of study in firearms handling and training approved and supervised by the department of registration and education as prescribed by section 28 of the Private Detective, Private Alarm and Private Security Act [225 ILCS 445/28], prior to becoming eligible for this exemption. The department of registration and education shall provide suitable documentation demonstrating the successful completion of the prescribed firearms training. Such documentation shall be carried at all times when such persons are in possession of a concealable weapon.

(6) Any person regularly employed in a commercial or industrial operation for the production of persons employed and private property related to such commercial or industrial operation while actually engaged in the performance of their duty or traveling between sites or properties belonging to the employer of such security guards, and who as such security guards are members of a security force of five (5) persons or more registered with the department of registration and education, provided that such security guard has successfully completed a course of study, approved by and supervised by the department of registration and education, consisting of not less than forty (40) hours of training which shall include theory of law enforcement, liability for acts and the handling of weapons. The department of registration and education shall provide suitable documentation to demonstrate the successful completion of such course. Such documentation shall be carried by the se-

curity guard at all times when he is in possession of a concealable weapon.

(7) Agents and investigators of the state legislative investigating commission authorized by the commission to carry the weapons specified in section 29-43, paragraphs (a)(3) and (a)(4), while on duty in the course of any investigation for the commission.

(8) Persons employed by a financial institution for the protection of other employees and property related to such financial institution, while actually engaged in the performance of their duties, commuting between their homes and places of employment, or traveling between sites or properties owned or operated by such financial institution, provided that any person so employed has successfully completed a course of study, approved by and supervised by the department of registration and education, consisting of not less than forty (40) hours of training which includes theory of law enforcement, liability for acts, and the handling of weapons. The department of registration and education shall provide suitable documentation to demonstrate the successful completion of such course, and such documentation shall be carried by the person so trained at all times when such person is in possession of a concealable weapon. For purposes of this paragraph, "financial institution" means a bank, savings and loan association, credit union or company armored car services.

(9) Any person employed by an armored car company to drive an armored car while actually engaged in the performance of his duties.

(10) Persons who have been classified as peace officers pursuant to "an act relating to fire protection, amending certain acts herein named," [20 ILCS 2910/1] enacted by the 82nd General Assembly of the State of Illinois.

(11) Investigators of the office of the state's attorneys appellate prosecutor authorized by the board of governors of the office of the state's attorneys appellate prosecutor to carry weapons pursuant to section 7.06 of the State's Attorneys Appellate Service Commission Act [725 ILCS 210/7.06].

(12) Manufacture, transportation or sale of weapons to persons authorized under paragraphs (1) through (11) of this subsection to possess those weapons.

(b) Section 29-43, paragraphs (a)(4) and (a)(10) do not apply to or affect any of the following:

(1) Members of any club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or private, patrons of such ranges while such members or patrons are using their firearms on those target ranges.

(2) Duly authorized military or civil organizations while parading, with the special permission of the governor.

(3) Licensed hunters, trappers or fishermen while engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing.

(4) Transportation of weapons broken down in a nonfunctioning state or not immediately accessible.

(c) Section 29-43, paragraph (a)(7) does not apply to or affect any of the following:

(1) Peace officers while in the performance of their official duties.

(2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense.

(3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of the United States or the Illinois

National Guard, while in the performance of their official duty.

(4) Manufacture, transportation or sale of machine guns to persons authorized under paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection to possess machine guns, if the machine guns are broken down in a nonfunctioning state or not immediately accessible.

(5) Persons licensed under federal law to manufacture any weapon from which eight (8) or more shots or bullets can be discharged by a single function of the firing device, or ammunition for such weapons, and actually engaged in the business of manufacturing such weapons or ammunition, but only with respect to activities which are within the lawful scope of such business, such as the manufacture, transportation or testing of such weapons or ammunition. This exemption does not authorize the general private possession of any weapon from which eight (8) or more shots or bullets can be discharged by a single function of the firing device but only such possession and activities which are within the lawful scope of a licensed manufacturing business described in this paragraph. During transportation, such weapons shall be broken down in a nonfunctioning state or not immediately accessible.

(6) The manufacture, transport, testing, delivery, transfer or sale, and all lawful commercial or experimental activities necessary thereto, of rifles, shotguns and weapons made from rifles or shotguns, or ammunition for such rifles, shotguns or weapons, where engaged in by a person operating as a contractor or subcontractor pursuant to a contract or subcontract for the development and supply of such rifles, shotguns, weapons or ammunition to the United States government or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, when such activities are necessary and incident to fulfilling the terms of such contract.

The exemption granted under this subsection shall also apply to any authorized agent of any such contractor or subcontractor who is operating within the scope of his employment, where such activities involving such weapon, weapons or ammunition are necessary and incident to fulfilling the terms of such contract.

During transportation, any such weapon shall be broken down in a nonfunctioning state, or not immediately accessible.

(d) Section 29-43, paragraph (a)(1) does not apply to the purchase, possession or carrying of a blackjack, sling-shot or nunchaku by a peace officer, nor does it apply to the possession of nunchaku pursuant to instruction in conjunction with an organized school or class, or as part of an authorized public demonstration, exhibition or tournament sponsored by an organized school or class. When transporting nunchaku for a public demonstration, exhibition or tournament, they shall be transported in a closed container which is not immediately accessible.

(e) Section 29-43, paragraph (a)(8) does not apply to any owner, manager or authorized employee of any place specified in that subsection nor to any law enforcement officer.

(f) Section 29-43, paragraphs (a)(4) and (a)(10) do not apply to members of any club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or private, while using their firearms on those target ranges.

(g) Section 29-43, paragraph (a)(11) does not apply to:

(1) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of the United States or the Illinois

National Guard, while in the performance of their official duty.

(2) Bona fide collectors of antique or surplus military ordinance.

(3) Laboratories having a department of forensic ballistics, or specializing in the development of ammunition or explosive ordinance.

(4) Commerce, preparation, assembly or possession of explosive bullets by manufacturers of ammunition licensed by the federal government, in connection with the supply of those organizations and persons exempted by paragraph (g)(1) of this section, or like organizations and persons outside this state, or the transportation of explosive bullets to any organization or person exempted in this section by a common carrier or by a vehicle owned or leased by an exempted manufacturer.

(h) A charge based upon a violation of any subsection need not negative any exemptions contained in this section. The defendant shall have the burden of proving such an exemption.

(i) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, apply to or affect the transportation, carrying or possession of any pistol or revolver, stun gun, taser or other firearm consigned to a common carrier operating under license of the state or the federal government, where such transportation, carrying or possession is incident to the lawful transportation in which such common carrier is engaged; and nothing in this section shall prohibit, apply to or affect the transportation, carrying or possession of any pistol, revolver, stun gun, taser or other firearm, not the subject of and regulated by subsection 29-43, paragraph (a)(7), which is unloaded and enclosed in a case, firearm carrying box, shipping box or other container, by the possessor of a valid firearm owners identification card.

#### **29-46. Possession of ammunition and firearms by underage persons.**

(a) No underage person shall acquire, possess or transport any firearm or firearm ammunition within the city, except for the purpose of firearm instruction and any other lawful purpose while in the custody and immediate control of their parent, legal guardian or other person in loco parentis to the underage person so long as said parent, legal guardian or other person in loco parentis to the underage person has a currently valid State of Illinois Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

(b) This section shall not apply to:

(1) Any underage person who was honorably discharged from the United States military and can otherwise own a firearm under state and federal law; or

(2) The acquisition, possession or transportation of a shotgun or rifle by a person eighteen (18) years old or older who has a valid State of Illinois Firearm Owner's Identification Card and has successfully completed a hunter safety education course certified by the State of Illinois.

(c) No person shall sell, loan or furnish to any underage person any firearm or firearm ammunition within the city, except as provided for in paragraph (a) above.

(d) A person violating subsection (a) or (c) of this section shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor III.

(e) Upon conviction of a violation of this section, any weapons seized shall be confiscated by the trial court. Any weapon so confiscated shall be transferred to the police department for disposition.

(f) For the purpose of this section:

(1) Firearm, rifle and shotgun have the meanings ascribed to them in section 29-49 of this Code.

(2) Firearm ammunition means any bullet, self-contained cartridge, shotgun shell, or projectile, by whatever name known, which is designed to be used or adaptable to use in a firearm; excluding, however, any ammunition exclusively designed for use with a device used exclusively for signalling or safety and required or recommended by the United States Coast Guard or the Interstate Commerce Commission, or any ammunition designed exclusively for use with a stud or rivet driver or other similar industrial ammunition.

(3) Underage person means a person under the age of twenty-one (21).

#### **29-47. Air and spring guns.**

(a) No person shall possess an air rifle, air gun, air pistol, spring gun, spring pistol, B-B gun, pellet gun or any other implement that is not a firearm and which impels a pellet constructed of hard plastic, steel, lead or other hard material with a force that reasonably may be expected to cause bodily harm, under the conditions specified for firearms in subsections (a)(4), (a)(10) or (a)(12) of section 29-43 of this article. ...

(c) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, the fine for which shall be a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each separate violation.

#### **29-48. Vehicle seizure and impoundment.**

A motor vehicle, operated with the permission, express or implied, of the owner of record, that is used in the violation of sections 29-43, 29-45, 29-46, 29-47, 29-49, 29-50, 29-101 or 29-102 of this Code ... shall be subject to seizure and impoundment under this section. The owner of record of such vehicle shall be liable to the city for a penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in addition to fees for the towing and storage of the vehicle. ....

#### **29-49. Transfer or possession of assault ammunition or assault weapons.**

(a) No person shall sell, offer or display for sale, give, lend, transfer ownership of, acquire or possess any assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device.

(b) This section shall not apply to:

(1) Any law enforcement officer of this or any other municipality or state of the United States, members of the armed forces of the United States, or the organized militia of this or any other state to the extent that any such person is otherwise authorized to possess an assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device and is acting within the scope of his or her duties;

(2) The transportation of assault weapons or large capacity ammunition feeding devices to persons exempt from this section, as set forth above, by federally licensed manufacturers and dealers, if the weapons or devices are broken down in a nonfunctioning state and not immediately accessible during transportation; or

(3) The government of the United States or the government of any municipality, county, or state.

(4) Any person who, while in their home and in an act of self-defense, uses either an assault weapon owned by a person mentioned in paragraph (1) above or such a weapon for which a certificate of ownership has been issued but for which they are not the certificate holder.

(c) Any assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device possessed, sold or transferred in violation of subsection (a) above is hereby declared to be contraband and shall be seized and appropriately disposed of by the police department.

(d) Any person found in violation of this section shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor IV.

(e) Any person who, prior to the effective date of this section, was legally in possession of an assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device prohibited by this section, shall have ninety (90) days from the effective date of this section to do any of the following without being subject to prosecution hereunder:

(1) Remove the assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device from within the limits of the city;

(2) Modify the assault weapon either to render it permanently inoperable or to permanently make it a device no longer defined as an assault weapon;

(3) Surrender the assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device to the police chief or his designee for appropriate disposal; or

(4) Obtain a certificate of ownership from the Aurora Police Department in accordance with subsection (g) below.

(f) This section shall not apply to:

(1) An antique firearm as defined below;

(2) Any semiautomatic rifle with a fixed stock that cannot accept a detachable magazine or clip that holds more than eight (8) rounds of ammunition;

(3) Any semiautomatic shotgun that cannot hold more than five (5) rounds of ammunition in a fixed or detachable magazine;

(4) Any firearm that can only be operated manually by bolt, pump, lever or slide action.

(5) Any magazine, belt, drum, feed strip or similar device originally manufactured to accept more than fifteen (15) rounds of ammunition but which has been fitted with a permanent block so as to hold no more than fifteen (15) rounds of ammunition.

(g) (1) Persons who, prior to the effective date of this section, lawfully possess assault weapons as defined herein may, within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this section, apply to the Aurora Police Department for a certificate of ownership for said assault weapons.

a. No certificate of ownership shall, however, be granted for the following weapons:

Avtomat Kalashnikov AK-47 type (including all models of the Norinco, Mitchell and Poly Tech)

Franchi SPAS-12 and LAW-12

MAC-11 carbine type

Street Sweeper and Striker 12 revolving cylinder shotguns

USAS-12

Uzi carbine and mini-carbine

Any assault weapon with a folding or telescoping stock which is not designed to be fired from the Shoulder

Any pistol which meets the definition of an assault weapon except as set forth in paragraph b. below

b. A certificate of ownership may be granted for any pistol originally manufactured to accept, in the pistol grip, a magazine designed to contain 16-17 rounds of ammunition but which does not extend below the pistol grip and does not otherwise meet the definition of an assault weapon.

(2) The Aurora Police Department shall issue a certificate of ownership for each applicable weapon owned by the applicant if the applicant has a currently valid State of Illinois Firearm Owners Identification card. Said certificate shall not be transferable, except upon the death of the certificate holder and then only to his heir or legatee.

(3) The Aurora Police Department shall not issue a certificate of ownership, and shall revoke any existing certificate of ownership, if the

applicant or certificate holder is prohibited, under state or federal law, from possessing the assault weapon for which the certificate of ownership has been applied or issued.

(4) All assault weapons for which a certificate of ownership has been issued shall be kept unloaded and stored in a locked environment when being transported or kept within the City of Aurora.

(5) The City of Aurora shall not enact any ordinance imposing greater regulations upon assault weapons for which a certificate of ownership has been issued.

(h) For the purpose of this section:

(1) Antique firearm means:

a. Any firearm, including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type of ignition system, manufactured in or before 1898; and

b. Any replica of any firearm described in subparagraph (a) if the replica:

1. Is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; or

2. Uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade.

(2) Assault weapon means:

a. Any of the firearms (or types, replicas, or duplicates in any caliber of the firearms regardless of manufacturer) known as:

A.A. Arms AP-9  
Algimac Agmi  
Armalite AR-180  
Australian Automatic Arms SAP Pistol  
Australian Automatic Arms SAR  
Auto-Ordnance Thompson type  
Avtomat Kalashnikov AK-47 type (including all models of the Norinco, Mitchell, and Poly Tech)  
Barrett Light-Fifty model 82A1  
Beretta AR-70 (SC-70)  
Beretta BM-59  
Bushmaster Auto Rifle and Auto Pistol  
Calico models M-900, M-950 and 100-P  
Chartered Industries of Singapore SR-88  
Claridge High Tech  
Colt AR-15 and Sporter  
Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max-1 and Max-2  
Encom MK-IV, MP-9 and MP-45  
Fabrique Nationale FN/FAL, FN/LAR or FN/FNC  
FAMAS MAS 223  
Feather AT-9 and Mini-AT  
Federal XC-900 and XC-450  
Franchi SPAS-12 and LAW-12  
Galil AR and ARM  
Heckler & Koch HK-91, HK-93, HK-94, PSG-1, SP-89  
Holmes Mp-83  
Intratec TEC-9, TEC-DC-9, TEC-22 and Scorpion  
Iver Johnson Enforce Model 3000  
Iver Johnson PM30 Paratrooper  
M14S type  
MAC 10, M-10, MAC-11 and MAC-11 Carbine type  
Ruger Mini-14/5F (folding stock only) and Mini-14/SRF  
Scarab Skorpion  
SIG 57 AMT, SIG 550SP, SIG 551SP, SIG PE-57 types and 500 series  
Spectre Auto Carbine and Auto Pistol  
Springfield Armory BM59, SAR-48 and G-3  
Sterling MK-6 and MK-7 and SAR types  
Steyr AUG  
Street Sweeper and Striker 12 revolving cylinder shotguns  
SWD M-10, M-11, M-11/9, M-12  
Valmet M63, M71S, M76 or M78

USAS-12

UZI Carbine, Mini-Carbine and Pistol

Weaver Arms Nighthawk

Wilkinson "Linda" Pistol

b. Any semiautomatic rifle that has a fixed magazine that can hold more than eight (8) rounds or an ability to accept a detachable magazine and has at least two (2) of the following:

1. A folding or telescoping stock;

2. A pistol grip that protrudes beneath the action of the weapon and which is separate and apart from the stock;

3. A bayonet mount;

4. A flash suppressor;

5. A barrel with a threaded muzzle;

6. A grenade launcher.

c. Any semiautomatic pistol that has an ability to accept a detachable magazine and has at least two (2) of the following:

1. An ammunition magazine that attaches to the pistol outside of the pistol grip;

2. A barrel having a threaded muzzle;

3. A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel and which permits the shooter to hold the firearm with the non-trigger hand without being burned;

4. A manufactured weight of fifty (50) ounces or more when the pistol is unloaded;

5. A semiautomatic version of an automatic firearm

d. Any semiautomatic shotgun that has either a fixed magazine with a capacity in excess of five (5) rounds or an ability to accept a detachable magazine and, in addition, has at least one (1) of the following:

1. A folding or telescoping stock;

2. A pistol grip that protrudes beneath the action of the firearm and which is separate and apart from the stock;

(3) Firearm means any device, by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas or escape of gas; excluding, however:

a. Any pneumatic gun, spring gun, paint ball gun or BB gun which either expels a single globular projectile not exceeding .18 inch in diameter and which has a maximum muzzle velocity of less than seven hundred (700) feet per second or breakable paint balls containing washable marking colors;

b. Any device used exclusively for signalling or safety and required or recommended by the United States Coast Guard or the Interstate Commerce Commission; or

c. Any device used exclusively for the firing of stud cartridges, explosive rivets or similar industrial ammunition.

(4) Large capacity ammunition feeding device means:

a. Any magazine, belt, drum, feed strip or similar device that has a capacity of, or can be readily restored or converted to accept, more than fifteen (15) rounds of ammunition; or

b. Any combination of parts from which a device described in the above clause can be assembled;

The term does not include an attached tubular device designed to accept and capable of operating with only .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.

(5) Pistol means any firearm designed to be fired by the use of a single hand, as well as any combination of parts from which a pistol can be assembled.

(6) Rifle means a firearm designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy

of the explosive in a fixed metallic cartridge to fire only a single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger.

(7) Semiautomatic means a firearm that utilizes a portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract the fired cartridge case and chamber the next round, and which requires a separate pull of the trigger to fire each cartridge.

(8) Shotgun means a firearm designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth or rifled bore either a number of ball shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger.

#### **29-50. Unlawful storage of ammunition and firearms.**

(a) No person shall keep firearm ammunition or a loaded firearm within any premises or vehicle under his or her custody or control which he or she knows, or reasonably should know, a minor is likely to be able to gain access to without permission of the minor's parent or legal guardian, unless the firearm ammunition is in a locked container, the loaded firearm is equipped with a locking device, or said firearm is in a locked container.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) Minor means a person under the age of eighteen (18) years;

(2) Firearm has the meaning ascribed to it in section 29-49 of this Code;

(3) Loaded firearm means a firearm in which there is an unexpended cartridge or shell, consisting of a case that holds a charge of powder or a bullet or shot, in or attached in any manner to the firearm, including, but not limited to, in the firing chamber, magazine or clip thereof attached to the firearm; except that a muzzle-loader firearm shall be deemed loaded when it is capped or pinned and has a powder charge and ball or shot in the barrel or cylinder;

(4) Locking device means a device attached to a firearm other than the safety that temporarily prevents the firearm from functioning.

(c) A person violating this section shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor II.

**[Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora codified through Ord. 002-73, enacted June 25, 2002]**

## **City of Chicago Municipal Code**

### **Title 4. Businesses, Occupations and Consumer Protection Chapter 4-144. Weapons Article I. Deadly Weapons**

**4-144-010. License - Required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of selling, or to sell or give away, any pistol, revolver or other firearm, dagger, stiletto, billie, derringer, bowie knife, dirk, stun gun or taser, as defined in Section 24-1 of the Illinois Criminal Code, 720 ILCS 5/24-1, or other deadly weapon which can be carried or concealed on the person, without securing a weapons dealer license. The license required by this chapter shall be in addition to any other license required by law.

**4-144-020. License - Application.** An application for a weapons dealer license shall be made in conformity with the general requirements of this Code relating to applications for licenses. The superintendent of police shall

approve said application before a license shall be issued.

**4-144-030. License - Fee.** The annual fee for a weapons dealer license shall be as set forth in Section 4-5-010.

**4-144-040. Daily report required - Sales or gifts.** Every person dealing in the aforementioned deadly weapons shall make out and deliver to the superintendent of police every day before the hour of twelve noon, a legible and correct report of every sale or gift made under authority of his license during the preceding 24 hours, which report shall contain the date of such sale or gift, the name of the purchaser or donee with his or her address and age, the number, kind, description and price of such weapon, the number of the purchaser's permit, and the purpose given by such person for the purchase of such weapon, which report shall be substantially in the following form:

Number of permit  
Number of weapon  
Name of purchaser  
Address of purchaser  
Age of purchaser  
Kind or description of weapon  
For what purpose purchased  
Price

**4-144-050. Register required.** Every person dealing in the aforementioned deadly weapons or ammunition at retail, within the city, shall keep a register of all such weapons and ammunition sold, loaned, rented or given away by him. Such register shall contain the date of the sale, loaning, renting or gift, the number of the permit, the number of the weapon, the name and age of the person to whom the weapon or ammunition is sold, loaned, rented or given, the quantity of ammunition, the price of each item, and the purpose for which it is purchased or obtained. The said register shall be in the following form (see diagram for Section 4-144-050)[omitted]. Such register shall be kept open for the inspection of the police at all reasonable times during business hours.

**4-144-060. Restrictions on sales or gifts.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, barter or give away to any person within the city, any deadly weapon mentioned in Section 4-144-010, except to licensed dealers and to persons who have secured a permit for the purchase of such articles from the superintendent of police as hereinafter required. This section shall not apply to sales made of such articles which are to be delivered or furnished outside the city.

**4-144-061. Sale of certain handgun ammunition prohibited.** Except as allowed by subsection (e) of Section 8-20-170 of this Code, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, expose for sale, barter or give away to any person within the city, any ammunition of the following calibers and types:

.45 automatic  
.380 automatic  
.38 special  
.357 magnum  
.25 caliber  
.22 caliber, including .22 long  
9 millimeter

Any other ammunition, regardless of the designation by the manufacturer, distributor or seller, that is capable of being used as a substitute for any of the foregoing.

**4-144-062. Sale of handguns without child-proofing or safety devices prohibited.** Except as allowed by subsection (e) of Section 8-20-170 of this Code, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, barter or give away to any person any handgun which does not contain:

(1) A safety mechanism to hinder the use of the handgun by unauthorized users. Such devices shall include, but shall not be limited to, trigger locks, combination handle locks, and solenoid use-limitation devices, and

(2) A load indicator device that provides reasonable warning to potential users such that users even unfamiliar with the weapon would be forewarned and would understand the nature of the warning.

Safety mechanism means a design adaption or nondetachable accessory that lessens the likelihood of unanticipated use of the handgun by other than the owner of the handgun and those specifically authorized by the owner to use the handgun.

A trigger lock means a device that when locked in place by means of a key, prevents a potential user from pulling the trigger of the handgun without first removing the trigger lock by use of the trigger lock's key.

A combination handle lock means a device that is part of the handgun which precludes the use of the handgun unless the combination tumblers are properly aligned.

A solenoid use-limitation device means a device which precludes, by use of a solenoid, the firing of the handgun unless a magnet of the appropriate strength is placed in proximity to the handle of the weapon.

A load indicator means a device which plainly indicates that a bullet is placed in the handgun in a way that pulling the trigger or otherwise handling the handgun may result in detonation.

**4-144-070. Permit required when - Issuance conditions.** It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase any deadly weapon mentioned in Section 4-144-010 which can be concealed on the person, without first securing from the superintendent of police a permit so to do. Before any such permit is granted, an application in writing shall be made therefor, setting forth in such application the name, address, age, height, weight, complexion, nationality and other elements of identification of the person desiring such permit, and the applicant shall present such evidence of good character as the superintendent of police at his discretion may require.

The superintendent of police shall refuse such permit to any person under 18 years of age, any narcotic addict, any person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state or any other jurisdiction within five years from release from penitentiary or within five years of conviction if penitentiary sentence has not been imposed, and any person who has been released from a mental institution or from the custody of the Illinois Youth Commission within the last five years, or is mentally retarded. Otherwise, in case he shall be satisfied that the applicant is of good moral character, it shall be the duty of the superintendent of police to grant such permit.

**4-144-080. Sales display restrictions.** It shall be unlawful for any person to exhibit for sale in show cases or show windows, on counters or in any other public manner, any deadly weapon mentioned in Section 4-144-010, or to display any signs, posters, cartoons, or display cards suggesting the sale of any such deadly weapons, or any ammunition whose sale is prohibited pursuant to Section 4-144-061 of this Code.

**4-144-090. License - Revocation.** In case the mayor shall determine that such applicant has violated any provision of this chapter, he shall revoke the license to such person for the selling of such weapons, and the money paid for such license shall be forfeited to the city. No

other such license shall be issued to such licensee for a period of three years thereafter.

## Article II. Gunsmiths

**4-144-100. License - Required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of repairing any pistol, revolver, derringer or other firearm which can be concealed on the person without securing a weapons dealer license so to do.

**4-144-110. License - Application.** An application for said license shall be made in conformity with the general requirements of this Code relating to applications for licenses. The superintendent of police shall approve said application before a license shall be issued.

**4-144-120. License - Fee.** The annual fee for a gunsmith's license shall be as set forth in Section 4-5-010, but a person licensed under Section 4-144-010 shall not be required to pay the additional fee for engaging in the business of repairing firearms, but shall be required to make the additional report provided in Section 4-144-130.

**4-144-130. Daily report required - Repairs.** Every person licensed under this chapter shall make out and submit to the superintendent of police every day, before twelve noon, a legible and correct report of each firearm received for repair during the preceding 24 hours, which report shall contain the date, name, physical description, age, address and occupation of the owner of such firearm, the type of weapon, its make, and the serial number and bore length of such weapon, which report shall be substantially in the following form:

Date  
Name of owner  
Physical description of owner  
Age of owner  
Address of owner  
Occupation of owner  
Type of weapon  
Make of weapon  
Serial number  
Bore and length of weapon

## Article III. Air Rifles and Toy Weapons

**4-144-140. License required when.** It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of selling or to sell or to give away any air rifle or air gun, or any toy firearms or other toy in the nature of a firearm in which any explosive substance can be used, without securing a weapons dealer license, and no person having secured such license shall sell or give away any such weapon to any person within the city who has not secured a permit from the superintendent of police to purchase such weapon in the manner hereinafter provided.

**4-144-150. License - Application.** An application for said license shall be made in conformity with the general requirements of this Code. The superintendent of police shall approve said application before a license shall be issued.

**4-144-160. License - Fee.** The annual license fee for said license shall be as set forth in Section 4-5-010

**4-144-170. Daily report required.** Every person licensed under this chapter shall make out and deliver to the superintendent of police every day, before the hour of twelve noon, a legible and correct report of every sale or gift made under authority of said license to sell the kind of weapons or other articles named in Section 4-144-140 during the preceding 24 hours, which report shall contain the date of such sale or gift,

the name of the purchaser or donee with his or her address and age, the number, kind, description and price of such weapon or other article, the number of the purchaser's permit, and the purpose for the purchase of such weapon or other article, which report shall be substantially in the following form:

- Number of permit
- Number of weapon or article
- Name of purchaser
- Address of purchaser
- Age of purchaser
- Kind or description of weapon or other article
- For what purpose purchased
- Price

**4-144-180. Permit - Required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase any air rifle or air gun, or any toy firearms or other toy in the nature of a firearm in which any explosive substance can be used, without first securing from the superintendent of police a permit so to do. Before any such permit is granted, an application in writing shall be made therefor, setting forth in such application, the name, address, age, height, weight, complexion, nationality and other elements of identification of such person desiring such permit. Such application shall also contain a recommendation from two persons who shall appear to be taxpayer residing within the city that the permit shall issue.

**4-144-190. Replica firearms and pellet guns.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, possess, use, sell, give away or otherwise transfer, or to engage in the business of selling or to exhibit for sale, a replica firearm, paint pellet or paint pellet gun in the City of Chicago, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

(b) For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

**"Paint pellet"** means a pellet or projectile of paint which explodes upon impact.

**"Paint pellet gun"** means any firearm, toy firearm or toy in the nature of a firearm which is powered by compressed gas and which fires paint pellets.

**"Replica firearm"** means any device, object or facsimile made of plastic, wood, metal or any other material, that a person could reasonably perceive as an actual firearm but that is incapable of being fired or discharged, except that the term shall not include any replica of an antique firearm, as defined in Section 820-030(b) of this Code. Each such replica firearm shall have as an integral part, permanently affixed, a blaze orange plug inserted in the barrel of such replica firearm. Such plug shall be recessed no more than six millimeters from the muzzle end of the barrel of such firearm.

(c) The manufacture, marketing, distribution, sale and possession of replica firearms are permitted if the devices are manufactured, marketed, distributed, sold or held (1) solely for subsequent transportation in intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce, or (2) solely for use in theatrical productions, including motion picture, television and stage productions. Such devices shall not be displayed to the general public or sold for other use in the city. The use or possession of a paint pellet or paint pellet gun is permitted if the use or possession is solely within premises licensed as a public place of amusement; or if the use or possession is solely for the purpose of transporting the paint pellet or paint pellet gun to or from those premises by the licensee or agent or employee of the licensee, or

by a common carrier, for purposes of initial delivery, repair or disposal of the paint pellet or paint pellet gun.

(d) Any person who violates the provisions of this section, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each offense. Any such violation may also be punishable as a misdemeanor by incarceration in a penal institution other than a penitentiary for up to six months under the procedures set forth in Section 1-2-1.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code as amended, and in the Illinois Code of Criminal Procedure, Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 38, Sections 100-1 et seq. (1985), as amended, in a separate proceeding. All actions seeking the imposition of fines only shall be filed as quasi-criminal actions subject to the provisions of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 110, Section 1-101, et seq. (1985), as amended. Each purchase, use, sale, gift or transfer of any such replica firearm, paint pellet or paint pellet gun shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense, and each day a person unlawfully engages in the business of selling or exhibits for sale any such replica firearm, paint pellet or paint pellet gun shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense.

**4-144-200. Granting of permit - Conditions.**

It shall be the duty of the superintendent of police to refuse such permit to any person having been convicted of any crime, and any minor. Otherwise, if the applicant is of good moral character, the superintendent of police shall grant such permit upon the payment of a fee of \$1.00.

**4-144-210. Sale or transfer to minors prohibited.** It is unlawful for any dealer to sell, lend, rent, give or otherwise transfer an air rifle to any person under the age of 18 years where the dealer knows the person to be under 18 years of age, or where such dealer has failed to make reasonable inquiry relative to the age of such person and such person is under 18 years of age.

It is unlawful for any person to sell, lend or otherwise transfer any air rifle to any person under 18 years of age.

**4-144-220. Sales display restrictions.** It shall be unlawful for any person to exhibit for sale in show cases, or show windows, on counters, or in any public manner, any air rifle or air gun, or any toy firearm or other toy in the nature of a firearm in which any explosive substance can be used, or to display any signs, posters, cartoons or display cards suggesting the sale of any such weapon or firearm.

**4-144-230. Alteration restricted.** No person shall alter any air rifle, air gun, toy firearm or toy in the nature of a firearm in such a way that it can fire any type of projectile other than that which it was designed by its manufacturer to fire.

**4-144-240. License - Revocation conditions.** When the license of any said licensee shall be revoked, no other such license shall be issued to such licensee for a period of three years thereafter.

#### **Article IV. Violation of Chapter Provisions**

**4-144-250. Violation - Penalties.** Any person violating Section 4-144-010 or Section 4-144-060 Section 4-144-061 of this chapter shall be fined not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for a first offense and \$1,000.00 for each subsequent offense. Any person violating any other provision of this chapter shall be fined not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$500.00 for a first offense and not less than \$500.00 nor

more than \$1,000.00 for each subsequent offense. Each purchase, sale or gift of any weapon or article mentioned in this chapter shall be deemed a separate offense.

**4-144-260. License--Revocation.** In case the mayor shall determine that a licensee has violated any provision of this chapter, he shall revoke the weapons dealer license issued to such person, and the money paid for such license shall be forfeited to the city. No other such license shall be issued to such licensee for a period of three years thereafter.

#### **Title 8. Offenses Affecting Public Peace, Morals and Welfare**

#### **Chapter 8-16. Offenses By or Against Minors**

**8-16-090. Firearms for minors.** No person shall sell, loan, or furnish to any minor any gun, pistol, or other firearm, or any toy gun, toy pistol, or other toy firearm in which any explosive substance can be used, within the city; except that minors may be permitted, with the consent of their parents or guardians, to use firearms on the premises of a duly licensed shooting gallery, gun club, or rifle club, or to shoot game birds in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-24-050 of this code.

#### **Chapter 8-20. Weapons**

#### **Article I. Possession of Firearms**

**8-20-010. Unlawful to carry - Exceptions.** It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or maintain in any vehicle or about his or her person except when on his or her property or in his or her residence or fixed place of business, any rifle, shotgun, or other firearm; provided, that this section shall not apply to:

(1) Peace officers or any person summoned by any such officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while he is actually engaged in assisting such officer;

(2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails, and other institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense, while in the performance of their official duty or commuting between their homes and places of employment;

(3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of the United States or the Illinois National Guard or the Reserve Officers Training Corps, while in the performance of their official duty;

(4) Special agents employed by a railroad to perform police functions, or employees of a detective agency, watchman-guard or patrolman agency, licensed by the State of Illinois, while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment or commuting between their homes and places of employment;

(5) Agents and investigators of the Illinois Crime Investigating Commission authorized by the Commission to carry weapons, while on duty in the course of any investigation for the Commission;

(6) Manufacture, transportation when the weapons are not immediately accessible to any person, or sale of weapons to persons authorized under law to possess them;

(7) Members of any club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or private, while such members are using their firearms on such target ranges;

(8) Duly authorized military or civil organizations while parading, with the special permission of the Governor;

(9) Licensed hunters or fishermen while engaged in hunting or fishing;

(10) Transportation of weapons broken down in a nonfunctioning state.

**8-20-015. Unlawful firearm or laser sight accessory in motor vehicle - Impoundment.**

(a) The owner of record of any motor vehicle that contains an unregistered firearm, a firearm that is not broken down in a nonfunctioning state, or a laser sight accessory shall be liable to the city for an administrative penalty of \$500.00 plus any towing and storage fees applicable under Section 9-92-080. Any such vehicle shall be subject to seizure and impoundment pursuant to this section. The subsection shall not apply: (1) if the vehicle used in the violation was stolen at the time and the theft was reported to the appropriate police authorities within 24 hours after the theft was discovered or reasonably should have been discovered; (2) if the vehicle is operating as a common carrier and the violation occurs without the knowledge of the person in control of the vehicle; or (3) if the owner proves that the presence of the firearm was permissible pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (10) of Section 8-20-010 or, in the case of an unregistered firearm, the firearm was exempt from registration under subsection (b) of Section 8-20-040; or (4) if the owner proves the presence of a laser sight accessory was permissible pursuant to Section 8-20-165. ....

**8-20-020. Violation - Penalty.** Any person violating the provisions of Section 8-20-010 shall be fined \$500.00.

## Article II. Registration of Firearms

**8-20-030. Definitions.** As used in this Title 8:

(a) "Ammunition" means cartridge cases, shells, projectiles (including shot), primers, bullets, propellant powder, or other devices or materials designed, or intended for use in a firearm or destructive device.

(b) "Antique firearms" means any firearm, including, but not limited to, any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type of ignition system, which is incapable of being fired or discharged; or any firearm manufactured before 1898 for which cartridge ammunition is not commercially available and is possessed as a curiosity or ornament or for its historical significance or value.

(c) "Corrections officer" means wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails or other institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense.

(d) "Crime of violence" is defined as any felony committed while armed with a weapon as defined in Chapter 38, Section 33 A-1 of Illinois Revised Statutes, as amended.

(e) "Duty-related firearm" shall mean any weapon which is authorized by any law enforcement agency to be utilized by their personnel in the performance of their official duties.

(f) "Firearm" means any weapon which will, or is designed to or restored to, expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of any explosive; the frame or receiver of any such device; or any firearm muffler or silencer. Provided, that such term shall not include:

(1) antique firearm;

(2) any device used exclusively for line-throwing, signaling, or safety and required or recommended by the United States Coast Guard or Interstate Commerce Commission; or

(3) any device used exclusively for firing explosives, rivets, stud cartridges, or any similar industrial ammunition incapable of use as a weapon.

(g) "Fragmenting bullet" means a bullet that is designed or modified to shatter on impact, or any other bullet that is designed or modified so that more than 50 percent of the mass of the bullet is likely to fragment inside a human or animal target.

(h) "Assault weapon" means any of the following weapons:

(1) Assault Rifles

AK 47 type	86S type
AK 47S type	86S7 type
AK 74 type	87S type
AKS type	Galil type
AKM type	Type 56 type
AKMS type	Type 56S type
84S1 type	Valmet M76 type
Arm type	Valmet M78 type
84S1 type	M76 counter sniper type
84S3 type	FAL type
HK91 type	L1A1A type
HK93 type	SAR 48 type
HK94 type	AUG type
G3SA type	FNC type
K1 type	Uzi carbine
K2 type	Algimec AGMI type
AR100 type	AR180 type
M24S type	MAS 223 type
SIG 550SP type	Beretta BM59 type
SIG 551SP type	Beretta AR70 type
Australian Automatic Arms	CIS SR88 type
SAR type	
SKS type with detachable magazine	
Colt AR-15	
Springfield Armory SAR-48	
Springfield Armory BM-59	
Bushmaster Auto Rifle	
Auto-Ordinance Thompson M1	
Ruger Mini 14/5F	
Federal XC-900 and XC-450	
Feather AT-9 Auto Carbine	
Goncz High Tech Carbine	
Auto-Ordinance Thompson 1927A1	
Iver Johnson PM30 P Paratrooper	

(2) Assault Pistols

Uzi type  
Heckler & Koch Sp-89 type  
Australian Automatic Arms SAP type  
Spectre Auto type  
Sterling Mark 7 type; and

(3) Any weapon that the superintendent of police defines by regulation as an assault weapon because the design or operation of such weapon is inappropriate for lawful use.

(i) "Assault ammunition" means any ammunition magazine having a capacity of more than twelve (12) rounds of ammunition.

(j) "Disc projectile ammunition" means any ammunition which is composed of multiple disc shaped objects stacked together to form a single round of ammunition, including but not limited to the following types of ammunition: (i) Magdisc type; and (ii) Shatterdisc type.

(k) "Handgun" means a firearm designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand, and includes a combination of parts from which such firearm can be assembled.

(l) "Machine gun" means any firearm from which eight or more shots or bullets may be discharged by a single function of the firing device.

(m) "Mayor" means the mayor of the City of Chicago or his or her designee.

(n) "Metal piercing bullet" means any bullet that is manufactured with other than a lead or lead alloy core, or ammunition of which the bullet itself is wholly composed of, or machined from, a metal or metal alloy other than lead, or any other bullet that is manufactured to defeat or penetrate bullet resistant properties of soft body

armor or any other type of bullet resistant clothing which meets the minimum requirements of the current National Institute for Justice Standards for "Ballistic Resistance of Police Body Armor".

(o) "Organization" means partnership, company, corporation or other business entity, or any group or association of two or more persons united for a common purpose.

(p) "Peace officer" means any person who by virtue of his office or public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or make arrests for offenses, whether that duty extends to all offenses or is limited to specific offenses.

(q) "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, society, joint stock company or organization of any kind.

(r) "Sawed-off shotgun" means a shotgun having a barrel of less than 18 inches in length or a firearm made from a shotgun if such firearm is modified and has an overall length of less than 26 inches or a barrel of less than 18 inches in length.

(s) "Security personnel" means special agents employed by a railroad or public utility to perform police functions: guards of armored car companies, watchmen, security guards and persons regularly employed in a commercial or industrial operation for the protection of persons employed by or property related to such commercial or industrial operation.

(t) "Short-barreled rifle" means a rifle having any barrel less than 16 inches in length, or a modified firearm if such firearm as modified has an overall length of less than 26 inches or any barrel of less than 16 inches.

(u) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of the Chicago Police Department or his designated representative.

(v) "Safety mechanism" means a design adaption or nondetachable accessory that lessens the likelihood of unanticipated use of the handgun by other than the owner of the handgun and those specifically authorized by the owner to use the handgun.

(w) "Trigger lock" means a device that when locked in place by means of a key, prevents a potential user from pulling the trigger of the handgun without first removing the trigger lock by use of the trigger lock's key.

(x) "Combination handle lock" means a device that is part of the handgun which precludes the use of the handgun unless the combination tumblers are properly aligned.

(y) "Solenoid use-limitation device" means a device which precludes, by use of solenoid, the firing of the handgun unless a magnet of the appropriate strength is placed in proximity to the handle of the weapon.

(z) "Load indicator" means a device which plainly indicates that a bullet is placed in the handgun in a way that pulling the trigger or otherwise handling the handgun may result in detonation.

(aa) "Laser sight accessory" means a laser sighting device which is either integrated into a firearm or capable of being attached to a firearm.

**8-20-040. Registration of firearms.**

(a) All firearms in the City of Chicago shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. It shall be the duty of a person owning or possessing a firearm to cause such firearm to be registered. No person shall within the City of Chicago, possess, harbor, have under his control, transfer, offer for sale, sell, give, deliver, or accept any firearm unless such person is the



holder of a valid registration certificate for such firearm. No person shall, within the City of Chicago, possess, harbor, have under his control, transfer, offer for sale, sell, give, deliver, or accept any firearm which is unregistrable under the provisions of this chapter.

(b) This section shall not apply to:

(1) Firearms owned or under the direct control or custody of any federal, state or local governmental authority maintained in the course of its official duties;

(2) Duty-related firearms owned and possessed by peace officers who are not residents of the City of Chicago;

(3) Duty-related firearms owned or possessed by corrections officers; provided, that such corrections officers are not residents of the City of Chicago;

(4) Firearms owned, manufactured or processed by licensed manufacturers of firearms, bulk transporters or licensed sellers of firearms at wholesale or retail, provided that such persons have, in addition to any other license required by law, a valid deadly weapons dealer license issued under Chapter 4-144 of this Code;

(5) Any nonresident of the City of Chicago participating in any lawful recreational firearm-related activity in the city, or on his way to or from such activity in another jurisdiction; provided, that such weapon shall be unloaded and securely wrapped and that his possession or control of such firearm is lawful in the jurisdiction in which he resides;

(6) Peace officers, while in the course of their official duties, who possess and control any firearm or ammunition issued by their department, bureau or agency in the normal course of business;

(7) Private security personnel who possess or control any firearm or ammunition within the City of Chicago; provided, that such firearms shall be owned and maintained by the security firm employing such personnel and shall be registered by the security firm in accordance with this chapter;

(8) Those persons summoned by a peace officer to assist in making an arrest or preserving the peace while actually engaged in assisting the peace officer.

**8-20-050. Unregistrable firearms.** No registration certificate shall be issued for any of the following types of firearms:

(a) Sawed-off shotgun, machine gun, or short-barreled rifle;

(b) Firearms other than handguns, owned or possessed by any person in the City of Chicago prior to the effective date of this chapter which are not validly registered prior to the effective date of this chapter;

(c) Handguns, except:

(1) Those validly registered to a current owner in the City of Chicago prior to the effective date of this chapter, and which contain each of the following:

(i) A safety mechanism to hinder the use of the handgun by unauthorized users. Such devices shall include, but shall not be limited to, trigger locks, combination handle locks, and solenoid use-limitation devices; and

(ii) A load indicator device that provides reasonable warning to potential users such that even users unfamiliar with the weapon would be forewarned and would understand the nature of the warning;

(2) Those owned by peace officers who are residents of the City of Chicago,

(3) Those owned by security personnel,

(4) Those owned by private detective agencies licensed under Chapter 111.2601, et seq., Illinois Revised Statutes;

(d) Firearm muffler or silencer;

(e) Assault weapons, as defined in Section 8-20-030, unless they are owned by a person who is entitled to own them under Section 8-24-025.

Any person who receives through inheritance any firearm validly registered pursuant to this chapter will be eligible to reregister such firearm within 60 days after obtaining possession or title, provided such person shall be qualified to do so in accordance with this chapter.

**8-20-060. Prerequisites to registration - Applicable for registration.**

(a) No registration certificate shall be issued to any person unless such person:

(1) Shall possess a valid Illinois Firearm Owner's Identification Card in accordance with Chapter 38 Section 83-4 of the Illinois Revised Statutes as amended;

(2) Has not been convicted of a crime of violence, as defined herein as weapons offense, or a violation of this chapter; and

(3) Has not been convicted within the five years prior to the application of any:

(i) Violation of any law relating to the use, possession or sale of any narcotic or dangerous drug, or

(ii) Violation of Chapter 38 Section 12-2(a)(1) of the Illinois Revised Statutes, as amended, for aggravated assault or any similar provision of the law of any other jurisdiction; and

(4) Has vision better than or equal to that required to obtain a valid driver's license under the standards established by the Illinois Vehicle Code Chapter 95-1/2, Section 506-4 Illinois Revised Statutes, as amended; and

(5) Is not otherwise ineligible to possess a firearm under any federal, state or local law, statute or ordinance.

(b) All applicants for a registration certificate under this chapter shall file with the superintendent on a form provided, a sworn application in writing. ....

**8-20-140. Additional duties of registrant.** Each person holding a registration certificate shall:

(a) Immediately notify the Chicago Police Department on a form prescribed by the superintendent of:

(1) The loss, theft or destruction of the registration certificate or of a registered firearm immediately upon discovery of such loss, theft, or destruction;

(2) A change in any of the information appearing on the registration certificate;

(3) The sale, transfer or other disposition of the firearm not less than 48 hours prior to delivery.

(b) Immediately return to the superintendent his copy of the registration certificate for any firearm which is lost, stolen, destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

(c) Each registrant shall keep any firearm in his possession unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock or similar device, unless such firearm is in his possession at his place of residence or business or while being used for lawful recreational purposes within the City of Chicago; provided, this paragraph shall not apply to law enforcement personnel as defined in paragraph 8-20-030(k) and provided further this paragraph shall not apply to security personnel as defined in paragraph 8-20-030(n), while in the course of their employment.

**8-20-150. Exhibition of registration.** Any person carrying or having in his possession or under his custody or control any firearm, shall

have on his person or within his immediate custody a valid registration certificate for such firearm issued hereunder, which shall be exhibited for inspection to any peace officer upon demand. Failure of any such person to so exhibit his registration certificate shall be presumptive evidence that he is not authorized to possess such firearm.

Failure of any person to exhibit a registration certificate for any firearm in his possession, custody or control shall also be cause for the confiscation of such firearms and revocation of any registration certificates issued therefore under this chapter.

**8-20-160. Possession of ammunition.** No person shall possess ammunition in the City of Chicago unless:

(a) He is a person exempted pursuant to Section 8-20-040 of this chapter; or

(b) He is the holder of a valid registration certificate for a firearm of the same gauge or caliber as the ammunition possessed, and has the registration certificate in his possession while in possession of the ammunition; or

(c) He is a licensed weapons dealer pursuant to Chapter 4-144 or a licensed shooting gallery or gun club pursuant to Chapter 4-149 of this Code.

**8-20-165 Possession of laser sight accessories.** No person shall sell, offer, or display for sale, give, lend, transfer ownership of, acquire or possess any laser sight accessory in the City of Chicago provided, that this section shall not apply to any members of the armed forces of the United States, or the organized militia of this or any other state, and peace officers as defined in this Code to the extent that any such person is otherwise authorized to acquire or possess a laser sight accessory and is acting within the scope of his or her duties.

**8-20-170. Permissible sales and transfers of firearms and ammunition.**

(a) No firearm may be sold or otherwise transferred within the City of Chicago except through a licensed weapons dealer as defined in Chapter 4-144 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago.

(b) No ammunition may be sold or otherwise transferred within the City of Chicago except through a licensed shooting gallery or gun club as defined in Chapter 4-149, a licensed weapons dealer as defined in Chapter 4-144 or as otherwise allowed by the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago.

(c) No firearm or ammunition shall be security for, or be taken or received by way of any mortgage, deposit, pledge or pawn.

(d) No person may loan, borrow, give or rent to or from another person, any firearm or ammunition except in accordance with this chapter.

(e) A peace officer may additionally sell or transfer any lawfully held firearm or ammunition to another peace officer in accordance with the other provisions of this chapter.

(f) Except as allowed by subsection (e) of this section, no person may sell, offer for sale, barter or transfer within the city any ammunition listed in Section 4-144-061 of this Code.

**8-20-175. Firearm Owners Identification Card Act - Compliance required.** No person shall sell, give away or otherwise transfer any firearm, as defined in Section 8-20-030, without complying with Sections 3 and 3.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 38, paragraphs 83-3 and 83-3.1.

**8-20-180. False information - Forgery - Alteration.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person purchasing any firearm or ammunition, or applying for any registration certificate under this chapter, or, in giving any information pursuant to the requirements of this chapter, to knowingly give false information or offer false evidence of identity.

(b) It shall be unlawful for anyone to forge or alter any application or registration certificate submitted, retained or issued under this chapter.

**8-20-230. Authority of the superintendent.** The superintendent shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this chapter and to prescribe all forms and the information required thereon.

**8-20-240. Acquisition or possession prohibited by law.** Nothing in this chapter shall make lawful the acquisition or possession of firearms or firearm ammunition which is otherwise prohibited by law.

**8-20-241. Firearm used illegally - Penalty.** The owner of an unregistered firearm that is used in any criminal act shall be subject to a fine of \$500.00 for each such use, regardless of whether the owner participated in, aided or abetted the criminal act. A fine under this section shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed on the criminal act or use of the firearm.

**8-20-250. Violation - Penalty.** Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, where no other penalty is specifically provided, shall upon conviction for the first time, be fined not less than \$300.00, nor more than \$500.00; or be incarcerated for not less than ten days nor more than 90 days or both. Any subsequent conviction for a violation of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine of \$500.00 and by incarceration for a term of not less than 90 days, nor more than six months.

## **Chapter 8-24. Firearms and Other Weapons**

### **8-24-020. Carrying dangerous weapons. ...**

No person shall sell, manufacture, purchase, possess or carry any weapon from which eight or more shots or bullets may be discharged by a single function of the firing device. ...

No person shall carry concealed on or about his person a pistol, revolver, derringer or other firearm or dagger, dirk, stiletto, bowie knife, commando knife, any blade of which is released by a spring mechanism, including knives as known "switch-blades" or any other type or kind of knife, any blade of which is more than two and one-half inches in length, ordinary razor or other dangerous weapon except that no person 18 years of age or under shall carry concealed on or about his person, any knife, the blade of which is two inches in length or longer. This provision shall not apply, however, to the following officers while engaged in the discharge of their official duties: sheriffs, coroners, constables, policemen, or other duly constituted police officers and warden, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of crime; nor to the following employees or agents while engaged in the discharge of duties of their employment: conductors, baggage men, messengers, drivers, watchmen, special agents and policemen employed by railroads or express companies; nor to persons lawfully summoned by an officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace, while so engaged in assisting such officer.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined \$200.00 for each offense, or shall be punished by imprisonment for a

period of six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

In addition to all other penalties, weapons used in violation of this section shall be forfeited to, and confiscated by, the city.

### **8-24-025. Assault weapons or ammunition - Sale Prohibited - Exceptions.**

(a) No person shall sell, offer or display for sale, give, lend, transfer ownership of, acquire or possess any assault weapon or assault ammunition, as those terms are defined in Chapter 8-20 of this code. This section shall not apply to any officer, agent, or employee of this or any other municipality or state or of the United States, members of the armed forces of the United States, or the organized militia of this or any other state, and peace officers as defined in this code to the extent that any such person is otherwise authorized to acquire or possess an assault weapon or assault ammunition and is acting within the scope of his or her duties. In addition, this section shall not apply to the acquisition or possession of assault ammunition by persons employed to provide security for armored carriers or mobile check cashing services while in the course of such duties, while commuting directly to or from the person's place of employment, and while at the person's home, if the assault ammunition (1) is acquired or possessed for the use with a weapon that the person has been authorized to carry under Section 28 of the Illinois Private Detective, Private Alarm and Private Security Act of 1983; and (2) consists of an ammunition magazine that has a capacity of 15 or fewer rounds of ammunition.

(b) Any assault weapon or assault ammunition possessed, sold or transferred in violation of subsection (a) is hereby declared to be contraband and shall be seized and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-20-220.

(c) Any person found in violation of this section shall be sentenced to not more than six months imprisonment or fined not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 or both.

(d) Any person who, prior to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section, was legally in possession of an assault weapon or assault ammunition prohibited by this section shall have 14 days from the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section to do any of the following without being subject to prosecution hereunder:

(1) To remove the assault weapon or ammunition from within the limits of the city of Chicago; or

(2) To modify the assault weapon either to render it permanently inoperable or to permanently make it a device no longer defined as an assault weapon; or

(3) To surrender the assault weapon or ammunition to the superintendent of police or his designee for disposal in accordance with Section 8-20-220.

### **8-24-026. Fragmenting bullets and metal piercing bullets - Sale prohibited - Exceptions.**

(a) No person shall manufacture, sell, offer or display for sale, give, lend, transfer ownership of, acquire or possess any fragmenting bullets, metal piercing bullets, or disc projectile ammunition. This section shall not apply to any officer, agent, or employee of this or any other municipality or state or of the United States, members of the armed forces of the United States, or the organized militia of this or any other state, and peace officers as defined in this code to the extent that any such person is otherwise authorized to acquire or possess fragmenting bullets,

metal piercing bullets, or disc projectile ammunition and is acting within the scope of his or her duties.

(b) Any fragmenting bullets, metal piercing bullets, or disc projectile ammunition manufactured, possessed, sold or transferred in violation of subsection (a) are hereby declared to be contraband and shall be seized and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-2-220.

(c) Any person found in violation of this section shall be sentenced to not more than six months imprisonment or fined \$500.00, or both.

**8-24-060. Violation - Penalty.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, where no other penalty is specifically provided, shall be fined not more than \$200.00 for each offense.

[Municipal Code of Chicago codified through Council Journal Date of July 31, 2002]

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## **Naperville Municipal Code**

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### **Title 10. Police Regulations Chapter 2. General Offenses**

**10-2-6. Weapons; Firearms.** It shall be unlawful for any person to:

**1. Concealed Weapons:** Carry any concealed weapon in the City in violation of the laws of this State. ....

[Naperville Municipal Code current through Ord. 02-204, passed Sept. 17, 2002]

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## **Code of the City of Peoria**

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### **Chapter 20. Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions Article III. Minors Division 1. Generally**

**20-51. Selling, etc., weapons to prohibited.** No person shall sell, give, loan, hire, barter, furnish or offer to sell, give, loan, hire, barter or furnish, to any minor within the city, any gun, pistol, revolver, fowling piece or toy firearm, in which any explosive substance can be used; or any Bowie knife, dirk, dagger or other deadly weapon of a like character.

### **Article VI. Weapons Division 2. Concealable Deadly Weapons**

#### **20-181. License to sell, etc.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of selling, or to sell or give away, any pistol, revolver, dagger, stiletto, billie, derringer, Bowie knife, dirk or other deadly weapon, which can be concealed on the person, without securing a license so to do.

(b) An application for the license required by subsection (a) of this section shall be made in conformity with the general requirements of article I of chapter 18 of this Code, relating to applications for licenses.

(c) The annual fee for a deadly weapon license shall be \$20.00.

(d) In case the city manager shall determine that an applicant for a license under this section has violated any provision of this section, he shall revoke the license of such person for the selling of such weapons, and the money paid for such license shall be forfeited to the city. No

other license shall be issued to such licensee for a period of three years thereafter.

#### **20-182. Required certificate and thumbprint.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, barter or give away to any person within the city any deadly weapon mentioned in section 20-181, except to licensed dealers, without first obtaining from the person receiving such deadly weapon a signed statement in which he states that he is over 21 years of age; that he is not under indictment for, nor has been convicted of, a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year or more; that he is not a fugitive from justice; nor an unlawful user or addicted to a depressant, stimulant or narcotic drug; nor that he has been adjudicated mentally defective or has been committed to a mental institution; and which statement shall contain a thumbprint from the person receiving such weapon. Such thumbprint shall be the righthand thumbprint unless circumstances prevent, in which case it shall be the lefthand thumbprint. All such information required by this section shall be entered upon forms provided by the superintendent of police for that purpose.

(b) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in section 1-5 of this Code.

#### **20-183. Record of weapons sold, loaned, etc., to be kept; form; inspection.**

(a) Every person dealing in the weapons mentioned in section 20-181 at retail within the city shall keep a record of all such weapons sold, loaned, rented or given away by him. The record required herein shall be made at the time of the transaction, in a book kept for that purpose, and shall include the name of the person to whom such weapon is sold, loaned, rented or given; his age; date of birth; legal residence; social security number, if any; driver's license number, if any; the kind and description of the weapon; if a firearm, the make, caliber and finish thereof, together with the number or serial letter thereof, if any; his state firearm owner's identification number; the date of the sale, loaning, rental or gift and the name of the employee or other person making such sale, rental, loan or gift.

(b) Such book shall be kept open for the inspection of the police at all reasonable times during business hours.

(c) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in section 1-5 of this Code.

**20-184. Report of sales, etc., to superintendent of police.** Every person dealing in the deadly weapons referred to in section 20-181 shall deliver daily reports to the superintendent of police. The reports shall be on forms provided by the superintendent of police and shall be a legible and correct report of every sale or gift made under authority of his license during the preceding 24 hours and shall set forth the information required in section 20-183 and the certificate required by section 20-182.

**20-185. Restriction on sale.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, barter or give away; to any person within the city; any deadly weapon mentioned in section 20-181, to any person known to him to be under 21 years of age or of unsound mind or under indictment or a drug addict or a fugitive from justice or who has been convicted of a crime of violence.

**20-186. Exhibiting firearms.** It shall be unlawful for any person to exhibit or display any firearm capable of being concealed on the person in any display window on the exterior of a business establishment during hours the establishment is not opened for business.

#### **20-187. Registration.**

(a) All permanent residents of the city and those persons who reside in the city continuously for more than ten days who have in their possession any pistol, revolver or gun which may be concealed on the person shall register such gun or pistol with the superintendent of police, setting forth the caliber, make, model and manufacturer's number of the weapon. No fee shall be required for such registration.

(b) For the purpose of this article only, the term "reside" shall mean either the physical presence of a person at a location for the reason of shelter or lodging, or the keeping of a dwelling by a person for the purpose of his shelter.

(c) Any person who does not register a deadly weapon as provided shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than as provided in section 1-5 for failure to register such revolver, gun or pistol.

**20-188. Carrying concealed - Prohibited.** No person within the city shall carry or wear under his clothes or concealed about his person, any pistol, revolver, derringer, Bowie knife, dirk, knife, razor, dagger, slingshot, metallic knuckles or other dangerous or deadly weapons of a like character.

[Peoria City Code codified through Ord. 15394, enacted Nov. 26, 2002]

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## **Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford**

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### **Chapter 7. Business Permits, Taxes and Licenses**

#### **Article III. Miscellaneous Business Regulations**

##### **Division 9. Weapons Dealers**

**7-260. License required.** It shall be unlawful for any individual, firm, corporation, company or association to engage in the business of repairing or selling, or to repair, sell or give away to any person within the city, a new or used handgun without first having secured a license from the City of Rockford. The term "engaged in the business" means devoting time, attention and labor to engaging in such activity as a regular course of trade or business with the principal objective of profit.

**7-264. Record required; inspection.** It shall be the duty of every licensee hereunder to keep a permanent register of all weapons sold, repaired or given away by such licensee for a period of ten (10) years from the date of transaction, the register to be in substantially the following form:

- (1) Date of transaction;
- (2) Serial Number of weapon;
- (3) To whom sold or given;
- (4) Age and residence of purchaser;
- (5) Kind and description of weapon;
- (6) The number of purchaser's Firearm Owner's Identification card.

Entries in this register shall be made at the time of the sale, repair, or gift, and the register shall be kept open for inspection by any member of the police department at all reasonable times.

**7-265. Report required.** Any licensee making any sale, repair or gift of any weapon referred to in section 7-260 shall report such sale or gift by mailing or delivering the report to the chief of police within seven (7) calendar days thereafter, upon a form to be furnished by the city, the report to contain the following information:

- (1) The date of transaction;
- (2) Serial number of weapon;

- (3) To whom sold or given;
- (4) For whom repaired;
- (5) Age and residence of purchaser;
- (6) Residence of person requesting weapon to be repaired;
- (7) Kind and description of weapon;
- (8) The number of purchaser's firearm owner's identification card.

### **Chapter 19. Offenses - Miscellaneous**

#### **Article II. Weapons**

#### **19-48. Unlawful use of weapons.**

(a) A person commits the offense of unlawful use of weapons when he knowingly: ...

(3) Carries on or about his person or in any vehicle, a tear gas gun projector or bomb or any object containing noxious liquid gas or substance; or

(4) Carries concealed in any vehicle or concealed on or about his person except when on his land or in his ownabode or fixed place of business any pistol, revolver or other firearm; or ...

(6) Possesses any device or attachment of any kind designed, used or intended for use in silencing the report of any firearm; or

(7) Sells, manufactures, purchases, possesses or carries any weapon from which more than eight (8) shots or bullets may be discharged by a single function of the firing device, any shotgun with a barrel less than eighteen (18) inches in length, or any bomb, bomb--shell, grenade, bottle or other container containing an explosive substance, such as but not limited to black powder bombs and Molotov cocktails; or ...

(b) A person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a violation of this Code.

(c) The presence in an automobile other than a public omnibus of any weapon, instrument or substance referred to in subsection (a) (7) is prima facie evidence that it is in the possession of, and is being carried by, all persons occupying such automobile at the time such weapon, instrument or substance is found, except under the following circumstances: (i) if such weapon, instrument or instrumentality is found upon the person of one of the occupants therein; or (ii) if such weapon, instrument or substance is found in an automobile operated for hire by a duly licensed driver in the due, lawful and proper pursuit of his trade, then such presumption shall not apply to the driver.

**19-49. Carrying when operable or loaded.** It shall be unlawful for any person, except persons permitted by law, to have or carry any shotgun or rifle or airgun in or on any vehicle, unless such shotgun or rifle or airgun is taken apart to render it incapable of being fired or is unloaded when enclosed in a case, and the mere removing of the bolt from a bolt action gun shall not be construed as taking the gun apart so as to render it incapable of firing.

**19-52. Furnishing bullets, pellets, arrows, etc., to minors.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, give or deliver any ammunition, ball, bullet, pellet, steel-tipped arrow or other missile or projectile to any person under the age of eighteen (18) years and it shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to obtain any ammunition, ball, bullet, pellet, steel-tipped arrow or other missile or projectile by purchase, sale or gift, or in any other manner.

[Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford codified through Ord. 2002-225-0, enacted Aug. 19, 2002]

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## Code of Ordinances of the City of Springfield

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### Title IX. General Regulations Chapter 98. Nuisances

#### 98.06. Chronic nuisances.

(a) Any property within the City of Springfield which becomes a chronic nuisance property is in violation of this chapter and is subject to its remedies. Any person in charge who permits property under his or her ownership or control to be a chronic nuisance property shall be in violation of this chapter and subject to its remedies.

(b) Definitions:

(1) **Chronic nuisance property.** Chronic nuisance property is property upon which two or

more of the following criminal activities have occurred during any sixty -day period, as a result of any two separate factual events that have been independently investigated by any law enforcement agency:

- a. Unlawful use of weapons, 720 ILCS 5/24-1;
- b. Unlawful use or possession of weapons by felons or persons in the custody of the department of corrections facilities, 720 ILCS 5/24-1.1;
- c. Aggravated discharge of a firearm, 720 ILCS 5/24-1.2;
- d. Reckless discharge of a firearm, 720 ILCS 5/24-1.5;
- e. Unlawful sale of firearms, 720 ILCS 5/24-3;
- f. Unlawful possession of firearms and firearm ammunition, 720 ILCS 5/24-3.1; ...

#### (f) Remedies.

(1) In the event a court determines property to be a chronic nuisance property, the court may

order that the property be closed and secured against all use and occupancy for a period of not less than 30 days, but not more than one hundred eighty days (180), or the court may employ any other remedy deemed by it to be appropriate to abate the nuisance.

(2) In addition to the remedy provided in subsection (1) above, the court may impose upon the owner of the property a civil penalty in the amount of up to \$100.00 per day, payable to the City of Springfield, for each day the owner had actual knowledge that the property was a public nuisance property and permitted the property to remain a chronic nuisance property. ....

[Springfield City Code codified through Ord. 470-09-02, adopted Sept. 3, 2002.]